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EEC debates budget cut

LONDON, Nov. 26 (R) — European Economic Community leaders began a two-day summit here Thursday expected to be dominated by bargaining over cash with Britain pushing for budget reform. Before opening the European Council, a three-times-a-year summit which is their highest decision-making body, the heads of government lunched with Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.

They were meeting later at nearby Lancaster House, a 19th Century mansion where the Rhodesia conference leading to Zimbabwe's independence took place in 1979 and 1980.

Diplomats said British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who is chairing the summit, sent a document to other EEC governments urging them to agree on a long-term mechanism for redistributing the burden of EEC payments in Britain's favor.

Britain has been fighting for reform of EEC's \$25 billion budget to have less money spent on farm subsidies and more on social and regional development.

Britain and West Germany are the only two net contributors to the EEC budget. West Germany, the biggest payer, faces a bill for EEC membership this year of more than two billion dollars.

Other countries which benefit substantially from the EEC's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), like France, Denmark, Ireland and the Netherlands, have fought moves to curb spending by cutting subsidies to farmers.

Earlier this week, Mrs. Thatcher circulated to EEC governments a list of 10 points on which she wanted agreement from the summit, ranging from lower subsidies on milk production to changes in the burden of financing the community.

Diplomatic sources said she followed this up just before the summit with a call for a permanent mechanism to redistribute EEC payments, to come into force from the start of next year and be reviewable only in seven years' time.

Her tactics seemed likely to draw negative reaction from several of her EEC partners. Denmark, in particular, has been reluctant to admit even a temporary problem for Britain.

The EEC discussions have been complicated by the fact that several EEC countries have new or unstable administrations.

Denmark faces parliamentary elections on Dec. 8. Belgium has a caretaker government after inconclusive elections this month. In Greece, a new Socialist administration has just taken office, elected in a landslide victory on an anti-EEC ticket.

Mrs. Thatcher has urged EEC governments to agree on budget reform by the end of 1981 but diplomatic sources said this would be difficult.

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was expected to demand a ceiling on his country's EEC payments, something which other countries may be reluctant to accept.

Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu was expected to demand renegotiation of his country's EEC membership terms, with the threat that Greece would become the first nation to leave the community.

The common market leaders were also due to discuss the Middle East. East-West relations, U.S.-Soviet arms talks starting in Geneva next week and food aid to Poland.

Diplomatic sources said Schmidt would brief other EEC leaders on his three days of talks with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in Bonn this week.

The EEC leaders would also discuss the abrupt breakdown of the Arab summit Wednesday and Saudi Arabia's eight-point Middle East peace plan to which the EEC states had given cautious support, the sources said.

Earlier this week, four EEC states — Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands — announced plans to participate in a peacekeeping force in the Sinai peninsula. The move was promptly attacked by both Israel and some Arab states.

Diplomatic sources said the EEC leaders would discuss what to do next, following the failure of the Arab summit.

India upgrades airfields

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi told Parliament Thursday India is building and upgrading certain airfields to meet an asserted threat posed by the strengthening of Pakistan armed forces along its borders.

Mrs. Gandhi, who is also defense minister, gave no details but told the upper house her government is "fully alive" to developments and was taking appropriate measures for preparedness.

Shivraj Patil, Mrs. Gandhi's state minister for defense, told the house that Pakistan was talking about a no-war pact with India while preparing for war. He said Pakistan had been staging military and air force exercises along the Indian border and India had no illusions about peaceful intentions by its neighbor.

Earlier this week, Mrs. Gandhi and External Affairs Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao said India is willing to discuss a Pakistan proposal for a non-aggression pact with India if it is sincere. They said this is questionable because Pakistan has been spurning similar Indian offers since 1949, but the offers still stand.

The prime minister mentioned negotiations for the purchase of Mirage 2000 jet warplanes from France but gave no indication when the deal would be finalized.

She said, however, the purchase of submarines from West Germany is "likely to be concluded shortly."

Mrs. Gandhi says the subcontinent has been forced into an arms race by the U.S. decision to sell Pakistan F-16 warplanes and other advanced American arms.

Answering a question in the upper house of Parliament, Mrs. Gandhi, added that there had been 55 incidents of firing and two minor intrusions by Pakistani armed forces.

Her written answer did not indicate when and where the border area incidents took place.

Answering separate questions, Patil spoke of Pakistan's threatening postures and said India was alert about them and taking steps to meet any eventuality.

There had been some recent instances of unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops across the line of actual control along the disputed Kashmir border, he said. But no major incidents had been reported.

Patil said Pakistani forces fired on an Indian post at Bimbergal on Oct. 26. He did not say whether there were Indian casualties.

India had not given up its claim to the territory on the other side of the 1,250 km (780 miles) line of control in Kashmir, he added.

Referring to Pakistani President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq's statement that Pakistan was not prepared to turn the control line into a boundary, Patil said the dispute could be discussed across the table.

When a member referred to Chinese military supplies to Pakistan, he said China knew the situation and India hoped it would take into account "realities of life" and help maintain peace and tranquility.

In a related incident, Jagan Bakshi, a lawyer and son of a retired Commodore, and a man identified only as a civilian assistant at naval headquarters were arrested Sunday on espionage charges the United News of India said.

The Defense department spokesman could not immediately be reached by telephone for comment. On Monday, the government of India ordered three Pakistan embassy employees here to leave the country. Officials said embassy accounts clerk Gul Zaman had been caught receiving "highly classified documents relating to India's defense."

UNI said Zaman had been arrested Saturday and that he also named the Indian naval assistant under questioning. The civilian subsequently indicated Bakshi, and a raid on Bakshi's home in New Delhi's fashionable Vasant Vihar area turned up documents concerning the "defense of India," UNI, quoted a top intelligence officer as saying.

Bakshi and the civilian employee appeared before a judge on Sunday and were remanded to police custody. A hearing has been set for this Saturday.

Following summit postponement Kingdom clarifies plan aims

FEZ, Nov. 26 (SPA) — When the Saudi Arabian government announced its proposed peace plan for the Middle East it had no intention of achieving a narrow Saudi objective but aimed at serving the larger Arab cause particularly the Palestinian question, according to an official Saudi Arabian spokesman here Thursday. The plan comprised a number of just and logical principles capable of winning unanimous Arab support and international support to help restore legitimate Arab rights, he said.

"Since its announcement, the plan has won the immediate support of most Arab, Islamic, Asian, African and Western states and it created a demand to submit it to the 12th Arab summit," the spokesman said. "The Kingdom had no choice but to respond to this demand. The Saudi Arabian delegation realized that while the plan had won the approval of most of the states represented a few expressed some reservations about certain clauses."

"Since the Kingdom believes that any Arab strategy must obtain unanimous support to be able to possess the necessary momentum to propel the Arab position forward, the delegation withdrew the plan at the summit and declared its willingness to accept any alternative plan agreed on by all the Arabs. There was a trend to oppose the withdrawal and the leaders present insisted on keeping it on the agenda as it is."

"The leaders present were also convinced because a number of items on the agenda dealt with joint Arab strategic action and the supreme Arab objectives and, therefore, needed greater discussion and contacts. King Hassan of Morocco suggested further discussion at another summit to be attended by those who did not turn up for this one, because they and the others were the only ones who can take fateful decisions to face the situation."

"In the light of this it was decided to postpone the conference and form a committee of foreign ministers to continue contacts."

"Foreign that the plan was the reason for the postponement is mere conjecture and it is not true that the Kingdom's delegation tried to persuade the others to adopt its viewpoint because the Kingdom did not and does not at present subscribe to any views about the Palestinian question that are different from those approved by the Arabs and the Palestinians themselves."

The spokesman said the postponement revealed that the summit leaders were serious about their responsibilities in order to achieve a united and unanimous stand instead of taking decision based on personal courtesies or obsession with majority decisions only to be opposed by some states however large and clear the decisions.

He said that the government of Saudi Arabia hoped that further Arab efforts will succeed in reaching an agreement which is satisfactory to the Palestinians and the Arabs, and taken seriously by the rest of the world, which will help the Arabs regain their legitimate rights.

In the meantime — leaders of the Arab world headed home Thursday following the unprecedented cancellation of the scheduled four-day summit conference. The summit host and chairman, Moroccan King Hassan II, angrily called off the summit Wednesday only five hours after he had formally opened it.

Conference sources said the king shouted down Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at a closed session when Arafat asked for more time to discuss the Palestinian question.

"We have been discussing nothing but the Palestinian question," Hassan reportedly said. "I will not accept an anticipated conference being held in my country."

The sources said the king, a thunderous expression on his face, held up his pen and declared:

"With this I sign decisions of war or peace. I would have preferred to have with me here leaders who can do the same."

The remark was seen as a reference to the absence of most of the Arab chiefs of state.

"An Arab summit meeting is like a silk



robe woven of a single thread," Hassan said. "And when that thread is pulled out we stand naked."

At future summit meetings under his chairmanship, Hassan said he would not accept anyone below the rank of chief of state to sit with him at the conference table.

At this point, Syria's Foreign Minister Abdelbaki Khaddam interrupted Hassan to

Reporters from the state-run media in Libya, Syria and Iraq burst into spontaneous cheers when the king's decision burst like a bombshell in the summit press room Wednesday evening.

Some jumped on their chairs to chant a dirge of triumph, others danced a jig of joy over cancellation of the summit. The same men who had rejoiced over the assassination of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat exactly 50 days earlier, again felt they had won a great victory.

"It is a great day for the Arab cause," Libyan Foreign Minister Abdelatfi Obeidi told reporters as he prepared to return home following the Fez summit.

Obeidi's boss, Col. Muammar Qaddafi was one of the initiators of the boycott that helped to precipitate Hassan's decision to cancel the summit.

The presidents of Libya, Algeria, Syria and Iraq announced that they would send lower-ranking officials to represent them in Fez. These officials, such as Obeidi, apparently were reported to have been instructed to block any agreement.

Meanwhile the Moroccan Foreign Minister said Thursday that Arab League foreign ministers will meet again in Fez, toward the end of December. The minister said the exact date will be fixed after consultations between the Arab League secretariat and individual Arab states.

In Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Abmed Al-Sabah, ruler of Kuwait, said in a statement upon returning home from the summit that the postponement was agreed upon to provide time for "further consultations and exchange of views" on the Saudi blueprint.

"We are confident that the postponement of the summit will have good results on Arab and world levels," said Sheikh Jaber.

The official Iraqi News quoted Iraq's Foreign Minister Sadoun Hammadeb as saying the suspension of the summit was a "step in the right direction."

"The decision to give more time to the study of the topics is a right decision. It means the Arab leaders want to discuss their mission more seriously," Hammadeb was quoted as saying. The state-controlled media in Syria and Algeria gave no immediate comments on the summit's suspension.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Buroos told Reuters the postponement was "the least bad decision," while one Arab League official said: "You cannot settle in 48 hours a problem which has lasted 35 years."

Bahrain's Sheikh Issa Ben Salman Al-Khalifa in a statement to the Kuwait newspaper *Al Rai El-Aam*, said that Arab differences at summit conferences were "our biggest problem."

He said Arabs should take the opportunity of the summit to achieve solidarity and unity "especially since we are passing through a delicate and dangerous phase and we have no choice but to come together and agree on a unified strategy."

Meanwhile French government officials said in Paris Wednesday they felt Saudi Arabia's Middle East peace plan remained a good basis for negotiating a settlement to the Arab-Israeli dispute despite the postponement of the Fez Arab summit.

"France continues to think it is a good basis for negotiations," one official said. "Its acceptance by the Arab countries would be a big step on the way to achieving a solution."

Mercenaries hijack plane after coup bid in Seychelles

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 26 (AFP) — White mercenaries failed in a daring bid to topple the leftist seychelles government of President Albert Rene and were arrested Thursday by South African police after hijacking an Indian airliner from the Indian Ocean republic to Durban.

Some 100 mercenaries, reportedly recruited in South Africa, took part in the operation, which one report said was planned in the United States. They flew into the Seychelles Wednesday aboard Swaziland aircraft.

Thursday's sporadic fighting was said to be still going on in the Seychelles as defense forces mopped up remaining pockets of resistance. Civilians were warned to keep off the streets and troops on leave were recalled for duty.

In his London exile, former Seychelles President James Mancham, toppled by President Rene in 1977, said he had been asked to back the coup attempt and remarked: "People are praying to be delivered from oppression in the Seychelles."

The mercenaries landed at Point Larue Airport on the main Seychelles island of Mahe aboard a scheduled Royal Swazi Airlines flight. As government troops housed in barracks near the runway fought back, some mercenaries stormed the airport control tower and gave an Air-India Boeing 707 permission to make its scheduled stopover between Salisbury and Bombay.

With the Swazi Fokker Super Friendship jet damaged beyond repair by gunfire from Seychelles forces, 44 of the mercenaries seized the Indian Boeing, its 65 passengers and 14 crew, and ordered it to fly to South Africa.

Sterling soars against dollar

LONDON, Nov. 26 (R) — The pound sterling rose to a five-month high against the dollar on foreign exchange markets Thursday, raising business hopes of an early cut in British interest rates.

Sterling has risen in recent weeks with money flooding into Britain as a succession of cuts in the prime rates offered by U.S. banks made high British interest rates increasingly attractive.

The pound touched \$1.94 during early trading in London for the first time since June after closing Wednesday at \$1.9310. Just a month ago sterling was trading at \$1.81.

British commercial banks' base lending rate was cut from 15.5 to 15 percent on Nov. 10 and dealers said falling short-term interest rates in the London money markets indicated another cut was on the way.

But analysts said the government, which pushed rates up four percentage points in September and October when sterling fell below \$1.80, would like the pound to reach a level of around two dollars before encouraging a further interest rate cut.

A high level for sterling would reduce the cost of raw material imports, helping the fight against inflation, now at 1.7 percent, but the government does not want the pound to climb to a level at which exports would become uncompetitive.

Sterling has also been rising against the currencies of Britain's European partners. It traded at just over 4.31 West German marks Thursday, compared with 4.13 only two weeks ago.

Critics call Mitterrand reckless, others say, 'go faster'

PARIS, Nov. 26 (AP) — President Francois Mitterrand is pushing France down a dizzying road to social, political and economic change. Some opponents call it a reckless drive, but many supporters criticize him for not going faster.

Since coming to power six months ago, Mitterrand and his Socialist government have deluged the National Assembly with proposals ranging from nationalization of large chunks of industry, to decentralization of government, abolition of the death penalty and vast new spending.

After defeating the conservatives who ruled France for the previous 23 years in last May's presidential elections, the Socialists won an overwhelming leftist victory a month later in parliamentary elections.

Without pausing for breath, Mitterrand set out to change France from up to bottom, hoping to create what he calls a more just and more equitable society and reverse a seriously deteriorating economy.

The speed with which the new government is moving has stunned the business sector.

"They have had an overwhelming election. They have five years for the parliament and seven years for the president's term in office, so why go at the speed of lunatics driving in the street?" said Baron Guy De Rothschild, whose bank is one of 36 being nationalized.

For Alfred Grosser, a professor at the Paris Institute of Political Studies, the answer is simple: "Because he knows if he doesn't do it immediately, it will never be done," Grosser says.

After Mitterrand's first six months in office, the problems remain formidable. Unemployment has topped the two million mark, about eight percent of the workforce. Job offers are 32 percent below the level of a year ago. Inflation hovers at 14 percent. Productive investments are practically at a standstill. Housing demand is down 10 percent. Bankruptcies are up 23 percent. Investors are deserting the Paris stock market.

While Mitterrand and his premier, Pierre Mauroy, remained strong in the latest popularity poll, another survey showed that 53 percent of those polled feel the new government has been neither more nor less effective than the old in reducing unemployment.

The Socialists came into office largely on

the poll Thursday showed that 57 percent were not satisfied with the changes they expected Mitterrand to introduce after 23 years of center-right governments which ended last summer.

"He must do something to restore business confidence," the professor said. "That is a very difficult job because he has to admit that the development of French wealth depends on the private employer." Signs of public disenchantment with the lack of respect has forced the government to take the unpopular move of asking parliament for the authority to rule by decree on urgent social matters, a move harshly criticized by the conservative opposition.

"The French people are impatient," said Mauroy, explaining that the government did not want the measures bogged down by long debates in an overburdened parliament.

Under the plan, the government will submit a general outline of its social policy to parliament for approval, then implement specific programs without parliamentary review.

With the overwhelming majority in the National Assembly — which along with the Senate makes up the parliament — the Socialists have had no trouble carrying out their program. That is not to say that loud voices have been heard in opposition — from the minority in parliament, from business leaders, and recently even from within the minority.

Hours after taking office in May, Mitterrand increased the minimum wage and raised retirement benefits and family allowances negotiations began for a reduction in the work week, which the Socialists want to reduce to 35 hours by 1985.

Nationalization — aimed at directing investment into areas that will create more jobs rather than being guided solely by profits — sailed through parliament, as did a provision of high government spending to stimulate employment.

The result was the highest budget deficit in history at 95.4 billion francs (\$17.3 billion).

It was the effort to pay for the new programs that brought the first grumblings

Fahd holds talks with Arab leaders

FEZ, Nov. 26 (SPA) — Prince Fahd visited King Hussein of Jordan and the Iraqi Vice-President Ezzat Hussein at their places of residence here after the postponement of the Arab summit conference. He was accompanied by Foreign Minister Prince Saud and Industry Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi. Later on he received the Tunisian Premier Muhammad Al Mazali.

within the leftist ranks. The unions and the Communists in the National Assembly were unhappy with the government's plan to boost contributions to the social security system, France's national health, retirement and family allowances program.

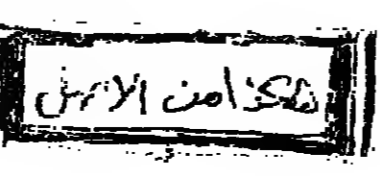
Along with many Socialists "they see increase as inflationary."

The Communists were particularly pleased with the vaunted "wealth" which was to tax personal assets in excess of 3 million francs (\$550,000), but in fact was whittled down to practically nothing.

The final version of the tax — "soak-the-rich" the name of the election — was amended to exempt things from land and art.

Mitterrand, who also has been under pressure from more radical elements within the Communists in parliament as the four in his cabinet.

Many observers, including those who believe the marriage will not last, believe the marriage will not last. They have each other, he said. Mitterrand needs support, at least their acquiescence, to get through the tough measures that are to be taken.



Red Sea commission evaluates mining results

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 — The Saudi-Sudanese Commission for the Development of the Red Sea Resources is presently reviewing and evaluating the results of its research and activities during the past five years, according to its secretary general Dr. Zaki Mustapha.

He told *Al-Madinah* Thursday that the study is a preparation for the next stage, one year of exploration and establishment of a factory for treating minerals at the industrial city of Yanbu. The factory will be operated at one-tenth of its output during the commercial production stage, he added.

The commission has contacted the company involved in the exploration and sought the help of committee of technical advisers. The result of the study will be submitted to the authorities in Saudi Arabia and Sudan for approval, Mustapha said. The commission will also discuss the budget for financing the stage with the Kingdom's officials, he added.

He said the studies conducted on the Red Sea so far had proved the economic feasibility of exploring the sea bed for minerals as medium-size project.

The ambitious five-year program of the commission included several experimental

exploration operations. The present pre-commercial exploration stage covers large quantities of minerals lying at the sea floor including gold, zinc, lead and cobalt.

The commission has acquired advanced technological devices. Some had been developed especially for the Red Sea environment. It has also taken a step forward in qualifying nations of the two countries as Saudi and Sudanese youth were sent to Western universities for higher studies and specialization.

Mustapha has earlier stressed the importance of acquiring skilled nationals which he described as a "major objective."

The commission cooperates with educational institutions in the two countries. Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University, the Meteorology and Mineral Resources School and Sudanese universities are assisting the joint program. It also has close relations with specialist international organizations.

Preliminary indications two years ago had shown that the joint projects could be more profitable than most land mines. Exploration and research are concentrated on the Atlantis II Deep, a field midway between Jeddah and the Sudanese coast line.

Rain hits city, streets flooded

By a Staff Writer

Jeddah, Nov. 25 — Jeddah had a relatively heavy dose of rain Thursday morning which amounted upto about 10mm. Similar showers also fell in Madinah and the Baha areas, according to a Meteorology Department spokesman here.

He said that rain-carrying clouds will move toward parts of the Central Region, especially north of Riyadh, and the northern and north-eastern parts of the Kingdom in the coming 24 hours. The sky over Jeddah is expected to be clear to partly cloudy Friday.



(Photo by Ahmad K. K.)
RAIN: Prince Fahd Street shimmering in the rain as a result of Thursday's showers. The rains, which also covered most parts of the Western Region, were a signal of the transition from autumn to the winter seasons, according to meteorology department officials.

Forgers sentenced to one year jail

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 — Four foreigners and a Saudi Arabian were convicted by the court of forgery and bribery, according to an Interior Ministry statement.

Ali Ammar Samiri, a Tunisian, and Amin Qaed, a Yemeni, offered Passports Department officials, Ghurmallah Abdullah Al-Ghamdi, bribes for giving them unused residence permit cards. The three were sentenced to one year imprisonment and deportation for the forgers.

Meanwhile, Muhammad Hussein Muhammad, a Somali, was found guilty of forging a resident permit card. He was sentenced to one year imprisonment, SR10,000 fine and deportation.

Indian artist displays paintings

RIYADH, Nov. 26 — An Arabic portfolio by the Indian artist Amar Sehgal was opened here by the Indian Ambassador T.T.P. Abdullah Wednesday.

The portfolio represents the artists' finest works during the last ten years. It included a limited edition of prints from hand-carved wood blocks, one of which was presented to Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, chairman of the Saudi Culture and Arts Society.

Prayer Times

Friday	Makkah	Medinah	Riyadh	Damman	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:14	5:21	4:52	4:42	5:07	5:40
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:08	12:09	11:40	11:27	11:52	12:21
Asr (Afternoon)	3:16	3:12	2:43	2:27	2:52	3:18
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:38	5:34	5:05	4:48	5:13	5:38
Isba (Night)	7:08	7:04	6:35	6:18	6:43	7:08

Private sector training set

MAKKAH, Nov. 26 (SPA) — The Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry Board opened its sixth session here Thursday to review its activities and approve the 1980-81 budget.

The session, chaired by Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry president, will also approve the organization of training courses for employees of the private sector. The board will discuss preparations for a businessmen conference scheduled for Taif in March, 1982.

The heads of the chambers agreed to float share certificates for the General Arah Investments Company, a spokesman said. He added that they also studied the recommen-

dations and allocations of the Saudi-Moroccan Joint Commission for promoting cooperation between the two countries.

The board considered the formation of the industrial and commercial safety committee, and discussed the question of foreigners practicing business inside the Kingdom and set up plans to uncover such practices, the spokesman said. The heads of the chambers also studied the possibility of recommending the sale of apartments. This result will be submitted to the government for further consideration and possible enactment.

The meeting represented 12 chambers of commerce and industry in the Kingdom.

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Africa. It landed at Durban early Thursday. The plane's passengers were released after it landed in Durban and the hijackers arrested. Police said that one was dead when the aircraft landed and two others were badly wounded.

The hijackers were later taken in handcuffs to Waterkloof air base near Pretoria. A South African police source said they were being kept in custody.

The South African foreign ministry said it had asked the Seychelles government to supply all information it had on events leading to the hijacking.

The Johannesburg newspaper the *Star* reported Thursday that the mercenaries were former members of elite units of the old Rhodesian Army, notably the Selous Scouts, Rhodesian light infantry and special air services and of the South African reconnaissance regiment.

The newspaper said they were recruited by former mercenary in the Congo Mike Hoare, but added, quoting a source who had turned

down an approach to join the force, "the Americans were behind the coup attempt."

The mercenaries were paid 1,000 rands (\$1,000) on recruitment and were promised ten times more if the operation succeeded, the *Star* said.

The South African Press Agency said that the hijackers were all white and aged between 20 and 30, except for one man who "appeared to be considerably older."

Meanwhile, the Seychelles consul-general in Paris, Adli Iskaros, said the situation was the Seychelles calm on Mahe, and the coup attempt had been totally defeated.

Reporters, who visited Airport Thursday, found the control tower practically destroyed and doors and windows of the white, one-story terminal buildings pocked by bullets. The body of one dead soldier — apparently a Tanzanian adviser to the SPDF — was seen among the debris. Associated Press reported Denis Rose said the heaviest fighting appeared to have begun about 4 a.m. local time Thursday, and continued until 1 p.m.

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As Israelis continue crackdown

Bombs hit Jerusalem

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — Palestinian commandos set off bombs at a Jerusalem newspaper stand and a paintshop Thursday, causing damage but no casualties, police said. One bomb was hidden in a paint can and exploded when the newspaper vendor took it into his kiosk, police said. The second set fire to a paintshop in a different area of town.

In the meantime, a fire in a military base set off explosives in an ammunition dump Thursday, injuring at least two persons, police said. Bombs were still exploding three hours after the fire broke out and fire engines were unable to approach, an Israel radio reporter on the scene said.

Workers on the base took refuge in air raid shelters. The base is in the area of Haifa, Israel's northern port city.

Meanwhile, Israeli troops broke up a demonstration by Palestinian youths in the town hall of Ramallah, military sources said. They said the youths were protesting the arrest of some of their comrades in previous demonstrations.

The military banned Mustafa Natshe, mayor of the occupied West Bank town of Hebron, from holding a news conference at which he planned to protest the takeover of a building in his town by Jewish settlers, Israel radio said.

Continuing their month-old crackdown on Palestinians in the West Bank, Israeli authorities closed a Palestinian newspaper for 30 days, alleging that it had published inflammatory material.

The interior ministry closed *Al-Fajr*, one of three Arabic-language dailies published in Jerusalem, alleging that it published items that "endanger the public welfare, including praise for acts of terrorism and murder." Editor Hanna Senora said he would appeal to the Israeli Supreme Court against the decision.

In the occupied Gaza Strip Palestinian leaders have criticized Israeli plans to introduce civilian authority in the area next month to pave the way for limited Palestinian autonomy, Israel radio said.

A civilian administration set up in the West Bank Nov. 1 has led to constant disturbances by Palestinians who view the civilian move as an Israeli substitute for full independence.

Haddar Abdul Shafi, head of the Red Crescent Medical Society in Gaza, said on Israel radio that whatever arrangements the Israelis set up would not lessen "demands for the end of the (Israeli) occupation."

Gaza Mayor Rashad al Shawa was also quoted by the radio as saying he opposed the move toward civilian rule.

Mubarak promises to stop arresting opposition leaders

CAIRO, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has announced that opposition leaders would no longer be arrested. Mubarak made the promise Wednesday to 31 opposition figures just released from prison. They were among 1,536 people rounded up on suspicion of sedition last September by the late President Anwar Sadat shortly before his assassination.

However, the public prosecutor announced that 21 other prisoners will go on trial for an alleged Communist plot. The new regime will also continue the crackdown on religious extremists, Mubarak indicated.

In a gesture of reconciliation, Gen. Mubarak begged some of the 31 in front of television cameras. One of them, Fathi Radwan, afterward quoted President Mubarak as promising: "The era of arresting opposition leaders and of their non-participation in politics is finished. Forget that unfortunate episode."

Radwan, 70, was a cabinet minister under the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser. He

told Agence France Presse that President Mubarak promised: "In the future, no measure will be taken against a political figure before contacting him, explaining what he is reproached with, and hearing his defense."

Among those released was the former editor of *Al-Ahram* newspaper Muhammad Hassanein Heykal. Heykal commented Wednesday night to AFP: "A new era is opening up for Egypt and many things have changed since the assassination of President Sadat."

He praised Mubarak's "moral courage" in freeing political adversaries of the Sadat regime, but suggested the new president should "pause to think things over" before continuing negotiations with Israel.

Many of the 1,536 rounded up by Sadat are still in jail including extremists suspected of religious sedition.

Heykal said he promised the president "not to speak of the past any more. Let us pardon and forget."

Reagan, Habib discuss Lebanon

SANTA BARBARA, California, Nov. 26 (R) — U.S. Middle East negotiator Philip Habib, who helped bring about a ceasefire in Lebanon while on a Middle East peace mission, will probably return to the region at the end of the month, U.S. officials said.

President Reagan telephoned Habib in Washington from California Wednesday to discuss the fragile ceasefire reached between Israel and Palestinian commandos in Lebanon in June, the officials said.

The California White House said the president was pleased that the Israeli-Lebanon border was relatively quiet and that the

United States remained committed to reinforcing the ceasefire.

Israel has accused the Palestine Liberation Organization of strengthening its forces in the border area and is again calling for the withdrawal of Syrian anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon, an issue that Habib dealt with during his earlier mission.

The White House said President Reagan asked Habib to determine how the United States could be helpful in reducing tensions further and in improving basic conditions in war-torn Lebanon.

Vital installations bombed in Sudan

CAIRO, Nov. 26 (AP) — Unidentified saboteurs have thrown several bombs on "vital installations" in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum "causing no losses," the Middle East News Agency quoted a Sudanese police spokesman as saying Wednesday.

The spokesman said the bombings were "typical" of the attack on the Chadian embassy in Khartoum last June. Sudan at the

time blamed the incident on Libyan agents. The spokesman said police have detailed information about the saboteurs which would be announced shortly.

The agency said in a Khartoum datelined report that a number of explosions were heard Tuesday night in several parts of the city but gave no further details.

Afghan fighters claim upper hand

BRUSSELS, Nov. 26 (R) — An Afghan resistance leader has said freedom fighters opposing the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan now control about four fifths of the country.

Keshwar Kamal, representing the Association of Revolutionary Afghan Women, told a press conference here Wednesday the Soviet army had the upper hand only in Afghanistan's big cities, and even there its control was being challenged by rebel forces.

Mrs. Kamal said an estimated 80,000 soldiers had deserted from the Moscow-backed Afghan army to join the rebels since the

intervention nearly two years ago. Many deserters took weapons or ammunition with them, and this was the fighters' main source of arms, she said.

She accused the Soviet army of using napalm and nerve gas, poisoning wells and destroying housing on an enormous scale, forcing over three million Afghans to flee abroad.

Begin firm on barring EEC from Sinai force

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26 (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin said Thursday he would urge his cabinet to bar European soldiers from a proposed multinational peacekeeping force for the Sinai.

"I shall recommend to the government at its session on Sunday to reject, under present conditions, the participation of military units from Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands in the multinational force," Begin said in an interview with the newspaper *Maariv*.

Begin briefed Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Thursday on the line Shamir should take in Washington on a hurriedly arranged trip to meet U.S. Secretary of State Alexan-

der Haig. Shamir told reporters he would tell Haig that Israel could not accept Europe's terms for joining the force.

The objections raised by Begin and Shamir concerned statements issued by the four West European governments on Monday when they offered to serve in the force to patrol Sinai after Israel's withdrawal from the area in April next year.

The four stressed their adherence to the 1980 Venice Declaration by the European Economic Community (EEC), a document that called for Palestinian self-determination and negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

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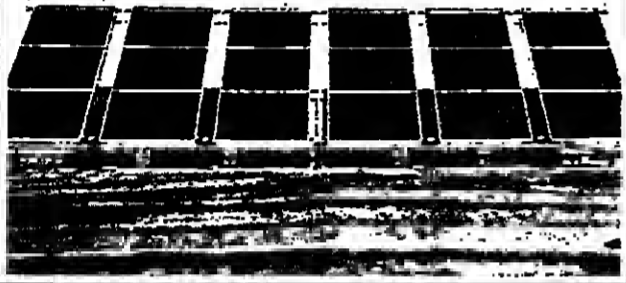
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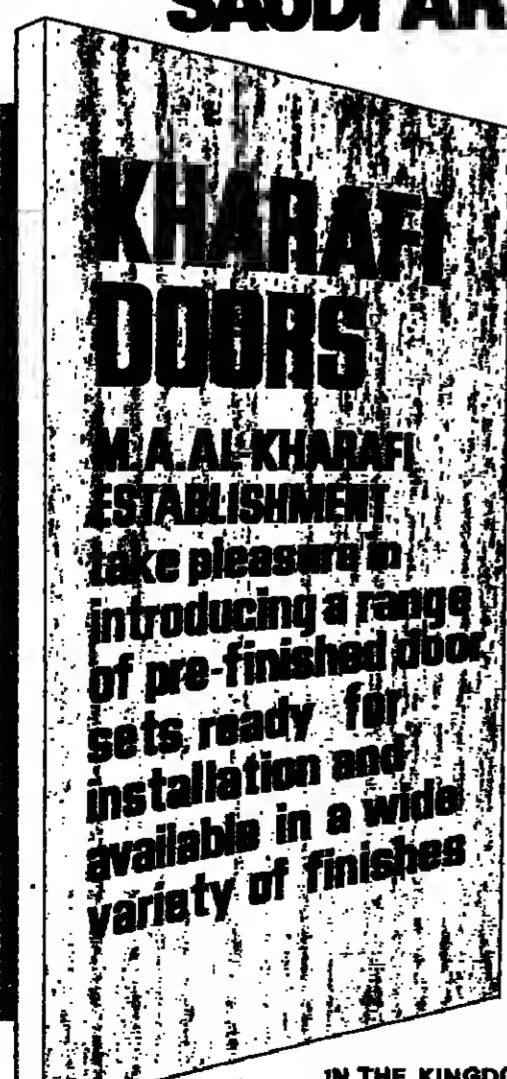
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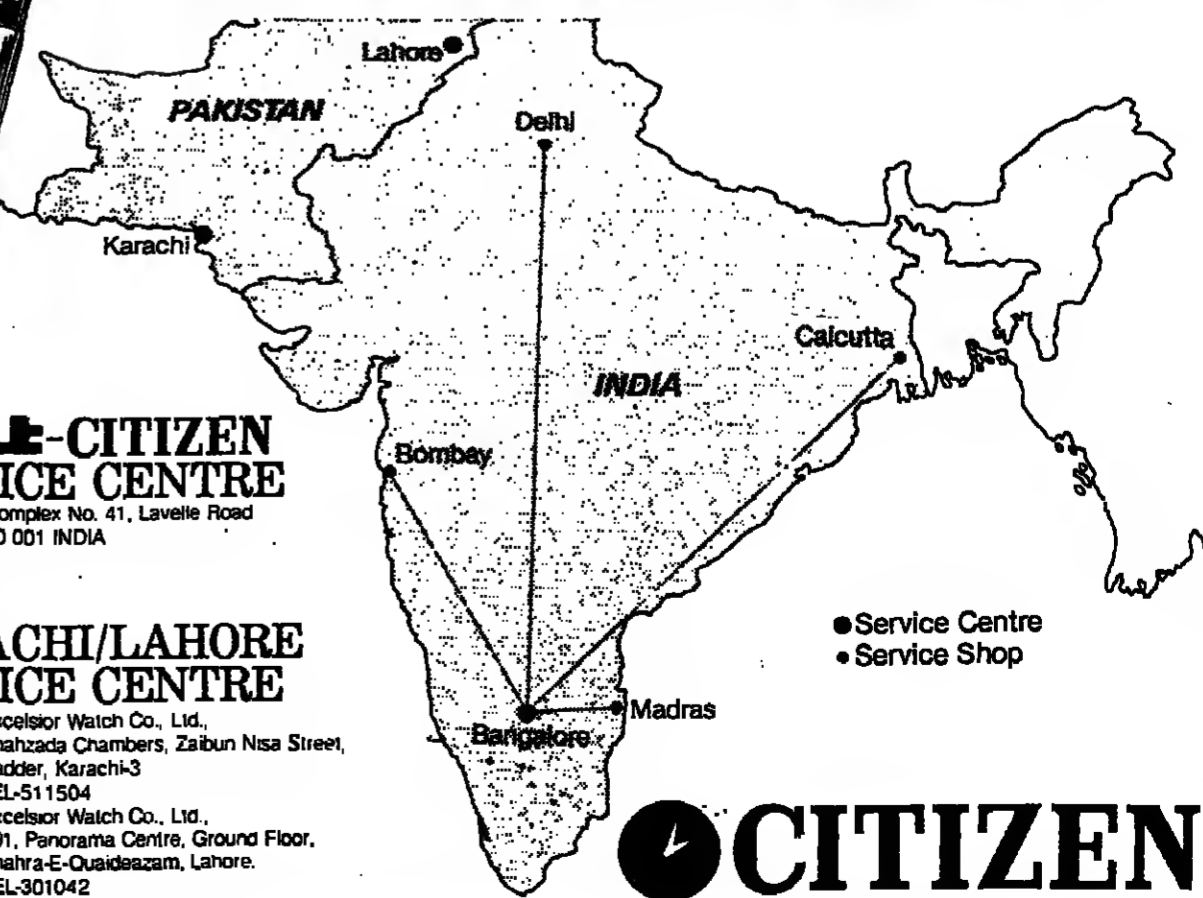
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Economic program defended

Reagan contemplating running for second term

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (R) — After 10 months in the White House, U.S. President Ronald Reagan is annoyed to find that gossip-ridden Washington is "one giant ear," but finds it bearable enough to contemplate running for a second term.

In an interview with ABC television's Barbara Walters at his mountain ranch in southern California, Reagan said the toughest decision of his presidency to date could be his veto last Monday on a "budet-husting" spending bill, which he described as a "game of chicken" with Congress.

His biggest disappointment, he said, was "the inability to control the leaks that just seem to constantly be coming no matter what efforts you make." "I think the district of Columbia is one giant ear. No matter where you are and how few people, you almost read it before you get home."

But he said in the interview he did not think he and Mrs. Reagan could be totally happy retiring to his ranch. Walters asked him: "Any thought of retiring here, perhaps in three years? Notice how subtly that was put?" Reagan replied: "Yes, I noticed that. Oh, 3, 4, 5, 8."

Asked to sum up himself, he said: "Soft touch, ah, and I really am. Sometimes I'm stubborn. I hope not unnecessarily so."

He said he thought he would, as former President Gerald Ford did, have pardoned Richard Nixon after he resigned in disgrace

over the Watergate scandal in 1974. "I think that was the main step that had to be taken to bringing this country together again and ending the bitterness that was dividing us," Reagan said.

He would like his presidency to be remembered, he said, as one that made freedom more secure and which preserved the constitution as the law of the land.

Reagan defended his economic recovery program and the man who criticized it, budget director David Stockman, during the interview. He said that he believed the current recession would be slight and that the economy would rebound next year.

Love affair lands Chinese in lockup

PEKING, Nov. 26 (R) — Police have detained a Chinese girl in Shanghai who planned to marry an Italian teacher in a case similar to one involving a French diplomat, whose Chinese fiancée was sentenced last September to two years "education through labor", informed sources said Thursday.

The latest case seemed less serious and it was apparently not complicated, as in the earlier episode, by any links with dissidents, the sources added.

They said Song Xiaoling, 23, a student at a local drama institute, was detained a week ago. She had met and fallen in love about a year ago with Francesco Cardo, 30, a teacher at the Shanghai Foreign Languages Institute. They planned to marry next month after Miss Song had graduated, the sources added.

BRIEFS

MILAN, Italy, (AFP) — A Milan court has sentenced 19 Red Brigades members to a total of 231 years in prison, reliable sources said here Wednesday night. The 19 were charged with setting up an armed gang and with attempted murders. The heaviest sentence was 24 years in jail.

TOKYO, (AFP) — The International Commission on Disarmament and Security, chaired by former Swedish Premier Olof Palme, will hold its Eighth meeting here from Dec. 4 to 6. The United Nations University announced here Thursday.

LONDON, (R) — The banned African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) Wednesday accused South African agents of killing and mutilating one of its leading members, Griffiths Mxenge, in Durban on Nov. 19. Mxenge, a lawyer, had disappeared on his way home from his office. His body was later identified by his wife, the ANC said in a statement issued in London.

PARIS, (AFP) — Four men were Thursday arrested and charged with counterfeiting U.S. dollars, identity cards, driving licenses and residence permits following a police raid on a private printing press on the outskirts of Paris. Police discovered 600 fake documents, dozens of rolls of paper, photographic equipment and test pulls of fake dollars.

'Physical' tops chart

Newcomers get spotlight among pop record

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (AP) — Olivia Newton-John's "Physical" has grabbed the big spotlight—the No. 1 position among best selling single pop records in the United States. The singer's latest hit vaulted into the top spot in the *Cash Box* magazine chart Wednesday from sixth place a week ago and twelfth the week before that.

Newcomers to the top ten list abounded this week. "Waiting for a Girl Like You" by the group Foreigner made a giant leap from 12th to 4th. "Here I Am" by Air Supply crashed in from 14th to 7th.

As for the Country and Western singles, Hank Williams' "All My Rowdy Friends" captured the No. 1 slot in the *Cash Box* magazine chart.

The ten top pop singles, as rated by *Cash Box*, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) Physical — Olivia Newton-John.
 2. (2) Private Eyes — Daryl Hall and John Oates.
 3. (4) Waiting for a Girl Like You — Foreigner.
 4. (3) Artjur's Theme (Best That You Can Do) — Christopher Cross.
 5. (7) Here I Am — Air Supply.
 6. (5) Start Me Up — Rolling Stones.
 7. (8) Oh No — Commodores.
 8. (9) Every Little Thing She Does is Magic — Police.
 9. (15) Young Turks — Rod Stewart.
 10. (14) Why Do Fools Fall in Love — Diana Ross.
- The ten top Country-Western singles, as rated by *Cash Box* with last week's positions in brackets:
1. (1) All My Rowdy Friends — Hank Williams Jr.
 2. (5) Miss Emily's Picture — John Conlee.
 3. (7) If I Needed You — Emmylou Harris and Don Williams.
 4. (1) All My Rowdy Friends — Hank Williams Jr.
 5. (9) Bet Your Heart on Me — Johnny Lee.
 6. (3) Wish You Were Here — Barbara Mandrell.
 7. (11) Still Doin' Time — George Jones.
 8. (8) One-Night Fever — Mel Tillis.
 9. (10) Heart on the Mend — Sylvie.
 10. (13) All Roads Lead to You — Steve Wariner.
- This week's top ten as listed by *Melody Maker*, with last week's placings in brackets:
1. (1) Under Pressure — Queen and David Bowie.
 2. (4) Begin the Beguine — Julia Rogers.
 3. (3) Favourite Shirts — Haircut 100.
 4. (11) Let's Groove — Earth, Wind & Fire.
 5. (2) Every Little Thing She Does is Magic — Police.
 6. (4) Joan of Arc — Oriental Stormers in the Dark.
 7. (10) Physical — Olivia Newton-John.
 8. (7) Tonight I'm Yours — Rod Stewart.
 9. (14) I Go to Sleep — Pretenders.
 10. (12) Bedsitter — Soft Cell.

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Chiang appoints military leaders

TAIPEI, Nov. 26 (AP) — President Chiang Ching-kuo appointed Gen. Hau Pei-tsi, army commander in chief, as the new chief of general staff, replacing Adm. Soong Chang-chih, Republic of China government officials reported Thursday.

It was the first major military shake-up in recent years following a cabinet reshuffle Wednesday, also the biggest in four years. The new cabinet appointments were interpreted by political observers here as a move to make way for more local people to serve in high-placed government posts.

Hag 62, will formally succeed Soong, 61, early next month in a swearing-in ceremony, the officials said. Adm. Soong has been appointed the nation's defense minister to replace Gen. Kao Kuei-yan, who resigned because of ill health.

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COVER:

Since King Khaled declared open construction activities at Jubail four years ago, the development that is taking place is unparalleled in history. The 30-year master plan for the city is vigorously being implemented. *Javid Hassan* visited the industrial city and recorded his impressions on Page 10.

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The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company is planning to expand its service operations Kingdom-wide by adding new routes. Recently, it let out a contract to a British firm for the supply of garage equipment to back up its fleet. *Ahmad Kamal Khuroo* writes about the contract.

NEW AVENUES:

Latin American countries have been, of late, trying to establish sound trade relations with the Arab world, and both sides have exchanged delegations. Last week, two big Brazilian teams, one following another, undertook a tour of the Kingdom and other Gulf states. *Louise Denver* describes their mission.

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Mously baffles many as he sails to glory

UPM, Aramco sailors to the fore in regatta

HALF MOON BAY, Nov. 26 — Landlubbers and sea salts alike can enjoy a regatta. But it was Talal Mously who had the best reason to be happy at the Benson and Hedges Regatta recently. The only Saudi Arabian to enter the regatta at the University of Petroleum and Minerals Beach, Talal Mously sailed away with the trophy for best in the fleet of 43 boats.

While landlubbers still lay in their beds, the watermen were up to rig their boats and log in before the skipper's meeting led by UPM Smbads' Club Racing Secretary Kevin Laughlin.

"We have an officer on duty daily and 24 hour contact with the Civil Defense in case we need a helicopter to rescue someone lost at sea," explained Capt. Zakki. In addition to the Coast Guard vessels four regatta powerboats were on hand to help sailors becalmed, exhausted, or capsized. Wind and sea conditions can change in minutes so the long vigil of the recovery boatmen is a necessary precaution.



THRILLS: Father and child enjoying the thrills of the sea between races. (Pic. by Gerth Prager)

the start, those ashore sigh, "Oh, what a sight." But when the sails are only bright specks on the horizon, the landlubbers put away their binoculars. As mothers chat, youngsters plough up and slide down the great sand dune, bury free. "I've got a man-eating shark," yells a boy as he chases his buddy with a plastic bag streaming water. Another young adventurer discovers a lethal sea snake, itself luckily dead. He loops it round the edge of a magnifying glass and prods it with a toothpick found on the sands.

studied a book on racing by the designer of the Laser. Most important, he has been sailing weekends from dawn till dusk in his blue and yellow striped Laser I.



Talal Mously

is difficult to make up time lost at the start later. On hearing the hellow from the committee boat, "8170, you're over the line" that helmsman's heart must have sunk several fathoms for he had to return around the bubble-gum pink buoy and start again. At the outset when they are sailing in the teeth of the wind, the skippers must chart a course, taking this way and that to catch the breeze. To sail a straight line isn't always possible when sailing to windward. Even if

it were, it isn't the fastest. Later when skippers are running toward the finishing line, less navigating skill is required.

That day the old sea salts weren't watching Talal Mously. A newcomer when took up boating only two years ago. Not a few skippers were surprised when he was first in fleet, having made the fewest mistakes in dealing with the wind.

Santillana puts Real Madrid ahead

LONDON, Nov. 26 (R) — Once-mighty Real Madrid, now reduced to a supporting role in the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup, virtually assured themselves of a quarterfinal place by beating Rapid Vienna 1-0 in Austria Wednesday night.

weeks' time. Hamburg lost 3-2 in Scotland to Aberdeen, first round conquerors of England's Ipswich, the 1981 winners. International striker Horst Hrubesch, a man with the happy knack of scoring important goals, struck twice in the second half. Aberdeen countered through 18-year-old Eric Black, making his European debut, Andy Watson and John Hewitt.

scoring the only goal in the 46th minute. Yugoslav hopes, Hajduk Split, did not fare so well in Spain where they were crushed 5-1 by Valencia. Valencia's two expensive foreign imports, Austrian Kurt Welz and Danish international Frank Arnesen, paid their way with a goal apiece.



TUSSLE: Austrian striker Hans Krankl struggles for control of the ball during Rapid Vienna's third round first leg UEFA Cup match against Real Madrid in Vienna Wednesday. Real Madrid won the tie 1-0.

Standings table for the English Division One. Columns include Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Sunderland leads with 23 points.

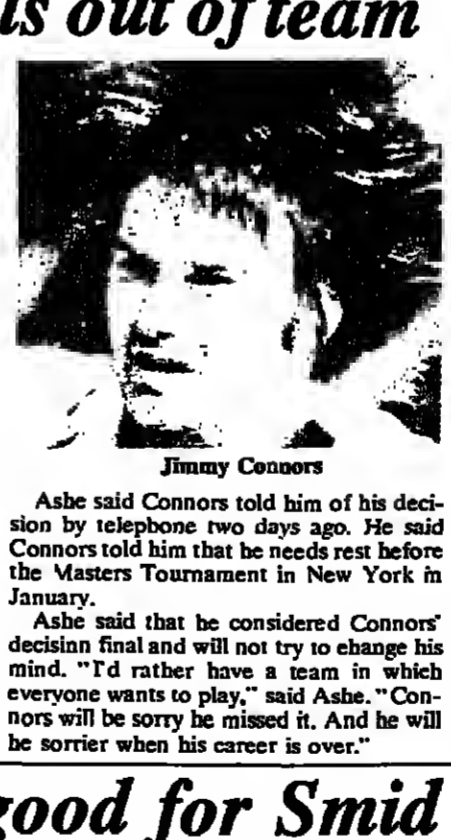
Russians snatch gold

MOSCOW, Nov. 26 (AP) — The Soviet Union won the gold medal in the men's team competition Wednesday night at the World Gymnastics Championships. Japan won silver medal and China won the bronze.

Romania, which upset the Soviet Union for the gold medal at the 1979 championships in Ft. Worth, Texas, managed only a fourth place in the compulsory in the absence of superstar Nadia Comaneci and will do well to "in a bronze medal.

For Davis Cup final Connors pulls out of team

CINCINNATI, Nov. 26 (AP) — Jimmy Connors, who indicated earlier that he would play with the United States Davis Cup tennis team, has decided instead to take a rest, said Arthur Ashe, the team's non-playing captain.



Jimmy Connors

Pistons get past Kings

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (AP) — The Kansas City Kings had 54 field goals. The Detroit Pistons had 43. Most times, that kind of discrepancy is good enough to win a basketball game.

games. The Pacers took the lead for good at 89-88 when Don Buse, who had 19 points, made two foul shots with 5:55 on the clock. James Edwards and Mike Mitchell each had 22 points for Cleveland.

Vatanen, Mikkola triumph

CHESTER, England, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — Ari Vatanen and Hannu Mikkola completed a magnificent double for Finland who the Royal Automobile Club (RAC) Motor Rally ended Wednesday.

Ford Escort team, who also saw Finn Pentti Airikkala put on an incredible charge in the last twelve hours, to snatch fourth place. Blomqvist had another reason to celebrate, because third place was good enough to clinch the world manufacturers' championship for the Talbot team for the first time.

McEnroe too good for Smid

MILAN, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Wimbledon and United States Open Champion John McEnroe had an easy win over Czechoslovakia's Tomas Smid in a \$350,000 exhibition Tennis tournament here Thursday.

Graham is Commonwealth champ

SHEFFIELD, England, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Herol Graham of Sheffield, the British champion, kept his unbeaten record and stole another title when he won the Commonwealth Light-middleweight Boxing crown from Kenny Bristol of Guyana at Sheffield City Hall here Wednesday night.

BRIEFS

SYDNEY, (AFP) — Wimbledon champion American Chris Evert-Lloyd and Australian Evonne Goolagong Cawley will clash in a quarterfinal of the New South Wales Women's \$125,000 Tennis Championships.

TORONTO, (R) — World Champion Geoff Hunt and World Masters champion Jahangir Khan came within a single match of their eagerly awaited meeting when both reached the semifinals of the World Squash Championships here Wednesday.

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A BLOW TO SOLIDARITY

The postponement of the latest Arab summit conference, which in reality signals its failure, was a shattering blow to Arab solidarity and the aspirations of the Arab people. Even the previous summit in Amman last year went ahead on schedule despite the absence of some Arab leaders. But this time nine heads of state boycotted the conference in a gesture of rejection of its objective.

Whatever the reasons that they may have had for not attending the meeting, the nine heads of state should not have made it so cruelly public that the Arabs are unable even to sit down at the same table to discuss their differences. For this was the aim of the conference, to discuss varying points of view and reach some agreement on them or a compromise. Had all viewpoints and approaches been identical there would have been no reason to hold a summit. An exchange of notes through the ambassadors would have sufficed.

Now that the conference has been postponed indefinitely, it is naive to believe that another summit can be held soon or will have a better chance of success if held in the near future. Those who attended in deference to Arab solidarity and with a desire to solve outstanding problems have been deeply hurt by those who did not because the notice has been served by the absentees that they would not like to confer with the rest of the Arab leadership.

How long it will take to regain Arab credibility in world public opinion remains to be seen, but it will certainly take a long time to convince the world that the Arabs are united in their approach even to their common problem. This problem, of Israeli occupation of four Arab states and the displacement of the Palestinian people, was supposed to be discussed in depth together with the Saudi Arabian plan to restore peace and justice in the region.

The eight-point plan was an attempt by a member state of the Arab League to present an alternative to the ill-fated Camp David accords. It sincerely aimed at restoring Arab rights and terminating Israeli colonialism. It was not meant to be a final and irrevocable blueprint. It could have been debated for months with the aim of coming out with a working paper acceptable to the Arabs before presenting it to the United Nations, to bring pressure on the U.S. and Israel to negotiate on its basis.

But now the U.S. and Israel will be able to say: "Why don't you agree first on what you want before coming to us?"

Indeed, what do the so-called rejectionists want? They rejected the U.N. resolutions because they did not specify Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied territories and treated the Palestinians as mere refugees. They rejected the Saudi Arabian plan although it stipulated the withdrawal and the creation of a Palestinian state. They do not have a military option and they know that the U.S. will continue to maintain Israel's military superiority to prevent the liberation of their lands.

Even if they thought that the Saudi plan was inadequate they could have at least presented a suitable alternative and reached a compromise solution to show the world that they can differ, debate and decide on what is good for them.

'Full autonomy' talks a cruel fraud

By Lord Caradon

It is a delusion to talk of "full autonomy" for the Palestinians. Why? Because the Israeli government is rapidly proceeding with its policy of annexing the territory where full autonomy was to be granted.

Yet another meeting between Israeli and Egyptian ministers has just taken place, again without agreement. Indeed agreement is impossible as long as the Israeli government persists in its policies of annexation of East Jerusalem and the West Bank and Gaza. No Arab and no Egyptian could accept these policies.

On the question of the future of Jerusalem and Israeli settlements on the West Bank and Gaza the late President Sadat made Egypt's position very plain. He insisted that Arab sovereignty must be restored over East Jerusalem and that Israeli settlements in Palestinian lands must stop. No Arab and no Egyptian could ask for less.

So the so-called negotiations on "full autonomy" are a cruel fraud.

Meanwhile, as the deceptive negotiations proceed, in East Jerusalem and all round Jerusalem the concrete encirclement by highrise tenements on Arab land proceeds apace, and in the West Bank and Gaza scores of Israeli settlements are being constructed and extended. Palestinian land, and water too are being progressively expropriated. Only a few days ago Israeli Defense Minister Sharon threatened even more Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

The talk continues as the territory diminishes. This is surely the essential issue dominating future Arab-Israeli relations and the hopes of eventual peace. No wonder that as the Israeli expropriations and constructions on Palestinian lands increase the Palestinians see their dreams of a country and a government and a capital of their own disappear. Hopelessness and desperation take over.

The prospect is that Israel will continue to depend for its security on the military intimidation of its neighbors, with the Palestinians remaining a scattered and a subject people. But it is not of supreme importance to keep open the possibility of peace? Is the conception of a free Palestine alongside a secure Israel to be abandoned? Is the noble idea of two sister cities in Jerusalem with no barriers between them and freedom of movement in the Holy City for everyone to be forgotten?

Everything now depends on what takes place in Jerusalem and the West Bank and Gaza. Would it not be conceivable that Israel, encouraged by opinion in the whole world — and specially in the United States — would call a halt to the policy of colonization and annexation? Maybe it is still not too late.

There must be before long another meeting of the United Nations Security Council, or possibly a world conference, on the future of the Middle East. Would it not be the most statesmanlike and the most hopeful action if the Israeli government were to say now that pending another international effort

to find a peaceful settlement of the whole problem of the Middle East, Israel would forego the acquisition of more land and thus leave open the possibility of establishing a Palestinian homeland to be in peaceful cooperation with its neighbors East and West?

It is a choice between settlements and a settlement — between Israeli settlements in Palestinian lands on the one hand and a comprehensive peaceful settlement of the whole Israeli-Arab dispute on the other. If the Israeli government persists in its present policy of annexation there is no hope for the future. The Israeli government will have deliberately chosen the path of confrontation and conflict.

Long ago I called the Israeli settlements on the West Bank signposts to destruction. It is to be devoutly hoped that the Israeli leaders, and the Americans too, will read the signposts in time and turn back from a path which must in the end lead to disaster for everyone, and most of all for Israel.

The other way is still just possible — peace and cooperation between a free Palestine and a secure Israel. I am convinced that the great majority of Arabs — and I trust an increasing number of Israelis too — long for such a peace, the only escape from a dreadful downward road of hatred and bloodshed and destruction.

But there is precious little time left — and the future will be settled by the decision of the Israeli government in the present crisis, the decision either to continue to try to subdue the people of Palestine, or to set them free.

Pindling facing growing disenchantment

NASSAU, Bahamas — After 15 years in power, Bahamas' Prime Minister Lynden Pindling looks set to win another five-year term despite growing disenchantment with his government and a deteriorating economy. With the death earlier this year of Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Eric Williams, Pindling, 51, became the longest serving political leader in the English-speaking Caribbean.

Opponents of his Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) seem hopelessly divided. The two main opposition groups, the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the Free National Movement (FNM) together hold only seven seats in the 38-member parliament and have proved unable to sink their differences and form a united front. SDP leader Norman Solomon, a 52-year-old white businessman, recently had to resign as official opposition leader when one of his MPs unexpectedly switched allegiance to the FNM. Henry Bostwick, 42, the FNM's parliamentary chief, became the new leader of the opposition earlier this month.

Solomon formed the SDP two years ago when he and three other white members of the non-defunct Bahamian Democratic Party refused to agree to a projected merger with the FNM. While Pindling to present an effective multiracial alternative to the PLP, whose membership is predominantly black, the SDP has suffered an image problem and a series of defections. The party now expects to run only five candidates in the next election, all in traditionally white areas.

The FNM is led by Kendall Isaacs, a lawyer who does not have a seat in parliament. It consists mainly of former members of the PLP who broke with Pindling after his 1967 election victory that peacefully ended white minority rule in this former British colony that is 85 percent black. The FNM opposed the government in the 1972 general election, fought over the issue of independence from Britain. The FNM said the country was not ready. Pindling won a landslide victory and the following year presided over the independence celebrations.

Differences between the two main opposition parties and the PLP rest on personalities rather than basic policy issues. All three parties advocate a mixed economy, invite foreign investment and accept the system of parliamentary government bequeathed by the British.

Waiting in the wings, however, is the small, leftist Vanguard Nationalist and Socialist Party, led by John McCartney, a former professor of black studies at Purdue University in Indiana. In 10 years the Vanguard has failed to win a seat in parliament. It collected only one percent of the vote in the 1977 elections, when it ran only four candidates.

But Vanguard's young leadership promises full employment, free social services with funds to be generated by the introduction of a personal income tax, restrictions on foreign investment and public ownership and control of wealth. The Vanguard is vague about what such changes would mean in an economy currently based on tourism and financial services. But its rhetoric strikes a chord with young voters disillusioned with the PLP and confused by the squabbling of the parliamentary opposition.

More than 60 percent of the population of

210,000 is under the age of 25 and the proportion is rising. Although the government has not released unemployment figures since 1975, estimates range from 15 to 30 percent with the highest rate among 16- to 25-year-olds. A young and heavily unemployed electorate with no memories of the PLP's struggle before independence may reduce the government's chances of maintaining its 31-seat parliamentary majority.

At its annual convention last month the PLP ratified its 38 candidates for the elections, which may come as early as next spring, although Pindling can wait until October before he has to dissolve parliament. In his convention speech Pindling showed he was aware of the dissatisfaction of much of the country's youth.

"We should not fool ourselves," he said, "into believing that they are satisfied with our party, because they are not." But he added that: "There is no other realistic way that they can see but to build on the foundations we have already laid."

Political observers here concur that outright defeat of the PLP is improbable. (R)

Saudi Arabian press review

Thursday's newspapers dealt with the postponement of the 12th Arab heads of state summit and emphasized the necessity of implementing the principles of the Kingdom's peace plan for restoring the Arab nation's usurped rights and enabling the Palestinian people to realize their legitimate rights.

The papers said the Arabs were hoping that all Arab leaders will take part in the 12th Arab summit in Fez, in order to adopt a responsible and mature action for solving the Palestinian issue and heal other disputes.

The papers noted that Saudi Arabia, in spite of worldwide support for its peace plan, has shown great seriousness and concern by presenting the plan at the summit, so as to be discussed in an

honest and meaningful manner by all the Arab leaders in a spirit of solidarity and unity. Saudi Arabia has repeatedly made it clear that its plan is a set of clear principles pointing to the realities of the region and aiming to realize the aspirations and causes of the Arab and Palestinian peoples," the papers said.

The papers stressed that the Kingdom has not introduced the peace plan with the aim of imposing it on the Arab nation, "but its prime goal was to evolve a unified approach for solving their painful issue."

The papers pointed out that the Kingdom has been trying to integrate all the potentials and resources of the Arab nation for achieving the goals and objectives of their common destiny.

Cypriots see little hope in U.N. peace plan

By Juliet Pearce

NICOSIA — The on-off dialogue between the two feuding Cypriot communities entered a new phase last week with the tabling of yet another United Nations settlement proposal. Prepared by the U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, the plan is modestly labeled an "evaluation paper." It contains elements of the British-designed 1960 constitution as well as the demand for a "bi-zonal federation" by the Turkish Cypriot minority.

Waldheim's Cyprus representative, Hugo Gobbi, was careful when he tabled the proposal with the lukewarm approval of the protagonists. "It is an exercise to create a more constructive dialogue," said Gobbi, an Argentinian diplomat more at ease in Spanish and French than in English.

An official statement said: "The two sides put forward their initial views and general comments with regard to the document tabled." The next meeting was set for Dec. 2 to allow Gobbi time for consultation at U.N. headquarters in New York.

While careful not to pour cold water on the talks Greek and Turkish Cypriot negotiator privately see little hope of success for Waldheim's new "guidelines." At best, they regard them as an effort to prolong the dialogue, threatened by an increase of tension between Greece and Turkey after October's Socialist victory in Athens.

Andreas Papatheou, the new Greek premier, is on record as opposing the fruitless intercommunal talk in Cyprus as long as "foreign troops" remain on the island, a reference to the Turkish expeditionary corps which seized northern Cyprus in 1974.

The Turkish Cypriot side, backed by the Ankara government, agreed to the tabling of the U.N. plan simply because it includes the long-standing Turkish demand for a loose Cypriot federation of two separate zones, a concept known in local jargon as bi-zonality. Turkish Cypriot negotiator Umit Suleyman Onan, said the Waldheim paper "may be accepted as a basis for negotiations." The Greek Cypriot negotiator, George Ioannides, was more restrained. He said the document "could" help the talks but "is not in itself the basis for these talks."

Waldheim's plan — which is yet to be made officially public — was welcomed by the two most influential political parties on the Greek-speaking side of Cyprus, the Communist Ael and pro-Western Democratic Rally.

At the same time President Spyros Kyprianou was warned that should he oppose the tabling of Waldheim's paper, his forthcoming trip to the United States would have little meaning. Kyprianou is to meet President Reagan on Dec. 8. The United States claims that "every effort" is needed to keep up the "momentum" in the Cyprus talks.

There is little new in the Waldheim plan, except some details which could be worked out easily once the main obstacles are removed. And these obstacles — the size of the two zones, movement of the population and the question of refugees — are omitted from the secretary-general's "evaluation." Waldheim described his guidelines as "preliminary considerations (which do not exhaust the subject in which some vacuums should be filled through negotiation." The negotiations to which he refers have been going on since 1968, six years before the Turkish military intervention in Cyprus. — (ONG)

Italy getting 'wilder all the time' crime rate increases over inflation

By Nick Kotch

NAPLES, Italy, (R) — When Tonino was in the Neapolitan underworld, the "Camorra," the worst thing he ever did was drive his scooter into a rebellious shopkeeper, breaking his leg. "That was 10 years ago. Nowadays, if I was still a Camorrista, they'd tell me to kill him," said Tonino.

Naples has always had its wild side but as Tonino, now a taxi driver explained, it's getting wilder all the time. A code of conduct and mutual respect used to exist between the gangs.

That code is under severe strain, largely due to the earthquake on Nov. 23 last year. The bodies of more than 200 murder victims in 1981 provide the evidence.

The rate increased at least 50 percent on 1980 and as one senior police officer in the city's homicide squad put it, gangs are killing in order to survive.

"This is an economic war. It's not that people are more ferocious, it's just that they're getting poorer," he said.

The earthquake forced more than 100,000 Neapolitans to leave their cracked shops in the central "Bassi" quarter where the Namorra has its traditional headquarters.

Shops are still open but fewer customers mean that the monthly protection payments are becoming hard to levy, let alone increase. Yet 29 percent inflation hits gangsters too. Business has had since the earthquake Tonino has lived in a caravan.

Officially, about one-fifth of the 1.2 million Neapolitans are involved in crime,

mainly in the smuggled cigarette industry which is their main employer.

The police tolerate the smuggling, because the alternative would be worse — thousands more people resorting to serious crime in order to feed themselves.

Nor is there any noticeable mood of concern in police headquarters about the gang warfare raging in the city.

"Almost all the victims are hardened criminals who happen to live in a sub-society where the penalty for breaking rules is summary execution, without trial or jury," said one experienced officer.

"It is extremely rare for innocent people to be killed. Perhaps the same chance as a roof tile falling on your head," he said.

But the carnage is not just the result of a struggle to grab shrinking profits. Another cause is Don Raffaele Cutolo.

Cutolo has become a legend in Italy as the most unforgiving gang boss in Naples since the war. Aged 41, he created an enormous empire backed by as many as 400 gunmen based in the new Naples, the suburbs of concrete apartment blocks that surround the city.

"He forced the local gang leaders into a sort of federation, giving them 'technical support' represented by his killers," the senior police source continued.

Cutolo achieved all this despite being sentenced to life imprisonment for murder in 1963 at the age of 22. Apart from 15 months on the run when he escaped in 1978 Cutolo has spent the last 18 years in prison either in a cell or in the psychiatric unit. He runs his gang from jail.

"One thing is certain. Cutolo is mad, he's a megalomaniac who does not accept any normal limits," the detective said. "For that reason, the others have decided to fight back and many of the gangsters killed this year have been his men."

Police say they have arrested almost all the professional killers used by the big gangs. But their departure from the scene has increased the anarchy.

Police say young hoodlums from the outskirts of town will kill for one million lire (\$1,100) and leave a mao bobbing for the rest of his life by shooting his legs for as little as 400,000 lire (\$320).

Realist painter's goal showing hidden beauty

ROME (AP) — Gregorio Sciltian's paintings have been criticized for looking too much like photographs, but the 82-year-old realist painter mocks Picasso and other well known abstract artists.

"I am the 20th Century's Leonardo Da Vinci and Picasso is only the most successful business venture in the art world," the painter said in an interview in his mansion overlooking Rome's Tiber river and St. Peter's dome.

"The art of painting hit the bottom of the well with Paul Klee's commas, Mondrian's little squares, and all the other abstractions," Sciltian said. He criticized displays by other Italian artists whose works often appear at Rome's Modern Art Gallery.

Sciltian has won fame for his portraits, stills, and allegories which have been purchased by leading museums and private collectors all over the world.

One of his latest works — a 265-by-315 centimeter (8.5-by-10 foot) canvas titled *the eternal illusion* — has been valued at 300

million lire (\$240,000).

A respected Italian art critic recently wrote that Sciltian's portrait of Duke Graziano Visconti's brother of the late Italian movie director Lino Visconti, was one of the best portraits of the century.

When he was trying to launch his career in Paris in the 1920s, however, Sciltian had to do odd jobs to support himself because he could not sell any of his out-of-fashion paintings.

"I fought tenaciously against the tower of Babel built by the modernists in art," Sciltian said.

"The task of painting is the exaltation of the beauty of the visual world, and I decided to devote my entire life to that task.

The ultimate task of painting has been, and always will be, the achievement of the vision of reality," he said. The artist recalled the story of a lifesize painting of a pope by Titian, which was supposedly so lifelike that people thought it was the pontiff himself.

85 percent of counterfeits American

A difficult international crime, false dollars cause big problems

By Jeffrey Ulbrich

PARIS (AP) — Acting on a tip from the U.S. Secret Service, French police last month swooped down on two men at a Paris hotel shortly after their arrival from Geneva. Result — 25,000 counterfeit 20 dollar bills and two arrests.

Routine, says Harold G. Thomas, special agent in charge of the five-man Secret Service office in Paris, the only foreign-based facility of its kind in the world.

U.S. counterfeiting specialists, though lacking any legal powers outside the United States, work closely with police from many countries in the struggle against what authorities call one of the most difficult crimes of all to solve.

According to Juan Luis Garcia-Llovera, the Spaniard who heads the anti-counterfeiting section at Interpol, the Paris-based international criminal police agency, 85 percent of all counterfeit money in the world is American, and Europe is the favorite playground of manufacturers and distributors.

"In most countries, the problem of false dollars is bigger than the problem with their own currencies," Garcia said.

Why the dollar? "People are less familiar with the money,"

says Thomas. "It is in effect almost an international medium of exchange, highly acceptable throughout the world. Regrettably also, in the opinion of many police agencies, it is an easier item to counterfeit than some European currencies."

Jean-Paul Coffre, deputy head of the French police's anti-counterfeiting force, agreed. The dollar, he said, "is relatively easy to counterfeit because there are only two colors, there is not watermark and the format has never changed."

According to Interpol, \$16,931,780 in counterfeit U.S. currency was seized outside the United States in 1980, compared to nearly \$65 million seized inside the country.

There are nearly 8,200 different types of counterfeit U.S. currency, including 389 new ones that appeared in 1980. The figures for types of counterfeits never decline simply because of the U.S. system, all dollar issues are good forever, Garcia said.

Interpol still picks up phony U.S. money made 40 or 50 years ago, he said. Counterfeiting is changing with the times, both in technique and organization. Gone are the artists who drew eyes and magnifying glasses who spent days etching plates by hand. Today's counterfeiters, like legitimate printers, prefer working with offset equipment and are keeping a close eye on the

development of color copier technology.

As always, however, paper remains the most frequent undoing of the counterfeiters. Paper quality, texture and thickness is difficult to imitate and, with U.S. currency, the red and blue fibers in the paper are a formidable obstacle.

The best work is what police call "bleached" counterfeits, where the crooks take real one dollar bills, leech off the printing and reprint them with a higher denomination. The process, however, is difficult and slow.

The problems for police are numerous. For one, printing plants are often in continuous operation. Typically, a printing operation prints a large quantity, then shuts down until all the money has been distributed, or a new order comes along.

"Organized groups are becoming more and more involved in counterfeiting," says Interpol's latest report on the subject. "...currency counterfeiting is now frequently connected with other kinds of crime, such as drug trafficking, exploitation of prostitution, arms and diamond trafficking."

According to police, Italy is the hotbed of counterfeiting and many investigations ultimately lead there. In recent years, the level of counterfeiting in Colombia has been climbing fast.



VALUABLE JAR: George Cottrell poses with the 16th Century Ming jar he found in pieces and restored it. The jar has fishes with lotus plants and has been appraised at as much as \$60,000.

Farmer could net \$45,000 from pottery

LONDON — Patience and curiosity will soon pay off for George Cottrell, who in 1962 found 24 small pieces of pottery, assembled them into their original form, a rare 16th-Century Ming jar, and plans to auction it off soon for from \$45,000 and \$60,000.

It sounds easier than it was according to Cottrell, who found the pottery soon after he bought a small farm near Wantage, Oxfordshire in 1962. Cottrell and his wife Mollie began gluing the pieces together to while away the evenings. He said none of the pieces he found were bigger than six inches.

After gluing the jar together the Cottrells discovered that one piece of their puzzle was missing, so they glued up the hole and used the jar as a flower pot. Thirteen years after the pieces were originally found, Cottrell was digging and raking and found the last piece which made it complete.

The jar sat for many years until the Cottrells invited a local antique dealer to appraise some antique furniture. The visit resulted in the dealer recognizing the vase as an authentic Ming and consulting experts about its possible value.

A specialist on Chinese porcelain at Phillips Auctioneers here said that the 14-inch high jar assembled by Cottrell closely resembles a Ming jar they sold last year to a Japanese millionaire for \$500,000.

Although the Cottrell's jar was stuck together with ordinary builders masonry glue, experts have expressed their admiration at the quality of the work.

Soviets lose interest in science, students urged, reverse the trend

By Ralph Boulton

KISHINYOV, Soviet Moldavia, (R) — Students and lecturers in the Moldavian city of Kishinyov are fighting to revive declining interest in science among young people, which could threaten the future of the Soviet economy.

In the years since World War II the Soviet Union produced many of the world's top physicists, mathematicians and technicians. Competition to enter its scientific and technical academies was furious and professors could choose from the cream of Soviet youth.

But the rector of Kishinyov University, Boris Melnik, is troubled by a trend which has long worried governments in the West.

"Over the last 10 years we have seen a clear fall in enthusiasm among young people for the natural sciences and the technical disciplines, compared to the humanities such as history. This has been noticed by my colleagues all over the country," he said.

In the early 1970s the university, which has about 13,000 students, received two applications for every place in the humanities faculties and five for each vacancy in math and applied physics. But now the ratio has been reversed, he said.

"Every week we send out lecturers and students to schools, social centers, factories and collective farms to read lectures on science to inspire interest."

"I think it is a passing phenomenon but we felt we had to do something. The response we have had from our visits suggests we have good chances of success," he added.

Mikhail Lubashko, a vice-president of the Moldavian Academy of Sciences, which supervises research in the republic, says the trend is not reflected at a higher level and holds no long-term dangers.

"We are making efforts to propagate science with young people, including lectures and school visits and exhibitions. The entire future of our country relies on scientific progress — our industry, fuel supplies — and there can be no question of a decline in science," he said.

But competition for places is dropping off even at the elite technical institutes, such as Moscow's Baumann College, which has turned out many of the country's top cosmonauts. At some there are not enough applications to fill places.

By contrast, faculties offering courses in commerce receive 19 applications for every vacant place.

An engineer, interviewed by the weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta* (Literary Gazette) recently, complained that this was having a serious effect on standards in industry. Expansion of scientific research has also decreased.

According to the monthly *Voprosy Ekonomiki* (Questions of Economics) the rate of growth of state expenditure on applied and experimental scientific research was almost 11 percent in the years 1951-79. But in the final four years of this period it fell to less than four percent.

Similarly, the number of people employed in this area grew at an average annual rate of 6.4 percent from the early 1950s until the mid-1970s. But in the late 1970s it fell to

three percent.

Lev Gatovski, chairman of the Soviet Academy of Sciences' council for scientific-technical development told a Moscow press conference recently the decline reflected increased efficiency in the field of research.

But *Voprosy Ekonomiki* argues that a vital area of the Soviet economy is falling into neglect and that industry is already feeling the consequences.

"Fundamental experimental research is lagging... as a result, technological innovations are often being introduced before they have been fully developed and tested. This is causing serious problems in industry," the journal complained.

Inefficient and over-priced Soviet machinery is becoming less competitive on world markets and the need for western imports growing.

The high costs are also forcing up prices of factory goods from agricultural produce to textiles whatever industry cannot secure government subsidies.

Soviet experts who acknowledge a bottleneck in technological progress offer several possible explanations.

The rector of Kishinyov University argues that heightened interest in history and the arts reflects a rapid rise in cultural standards, but that science will soon regain its former popularity with young people.

'Stars' in China ride bikes, top salary is \$180 a month

By Lin Heung Shing

SHANGHAI, China, (AP) — Zhang Yu is the top movie actress in China. So when she goes to work in the morning, she adjusts her fashionable European sunglasses and hops on her bicycle. Just like everyone else.

Stopped by a traffic cop for her erratic cycling, Miss Zhang lowers her shades, apologizing profusely. Recognizing a celebrity, the flustered lawman asks for an autograph and sends the 24-year-old movie star on the way to the Shanghai film studio.

Such are the few benefits that come with being China's top actress of 1980, an achievement which brings no big money no agents, no limousine, no chic lunches, no name in lights.

In China's Hollywood, stars are paid by seniority, not on talent or box office draw. The highest-paid actor or actress earns 300 yuan (\$180) a month, and the hope to have a private telephone.

Miss Zhang earns 51 yuan (\$32) a month, lives with her parents or in a studio dormitory with other unmarried actresses, stands in line to buy vegetables, shares household chores and attends political study sessions where she is told performers must be patriots and movies must serve China's modernization. Her romantic life is a chaste secret, unprobed by even one of China's movie magazines.

With close to one billion people, China has more movies goes than any other country. Last year 3 billion tickets were sold, many to peasants who watched flickering films on granary walls and paid for with a fresh egg if they lacked the price of admission (4-18 cents).

But China's film industry has some of the Hollywood mystique. The biggest film magazine, *Mass Cinema*, has 9 million readers; last year 100,000 young men and women applied for 40 seats in the prestigious Central Film Academy, where political connections help.

There are 1,000 government-employed actors and actresses and seven major studios, ranging from a vast setup left by Japanese invaders in Manchuria to the tiny Pearl River Studios near Canton. Last year, China turned out 76 feature films, seven times more than during the chaotic 1966-76 cultural revolution. This year will bring more.

Based on a poll of its readers, *Mass Cinema*

gave Miss Zhang its "Hundred Flowers Award" — China's equivalent of the "Oscar" — for best actress for her performance in *Love at Mount Lu*.

She played a Chinese-American who visits China and falls in love, but finds that his parents were communists and enemies of her parents during the civil war. Love and patriotism triumph; boy gets girl, and they live happily ever after.

While the film presented clear political messages, many young people apparently swooned over Miss Zhang's Western-style clothes and easy-going Western ways.

Miss Zhang was discovered by a Shanghai director scouting high schools for pretty faces and talent seven years ago. That was near the end of the cultural revolution, when arts were a shambling and training was nil.

After she landed the movie role, the fan mail began — eventually in such quantities that postal officials have complained to her that there is too much.

"Some guys write asking if I received their presents," she said in an interview. "Of course, I say, but all they really want are my letters."

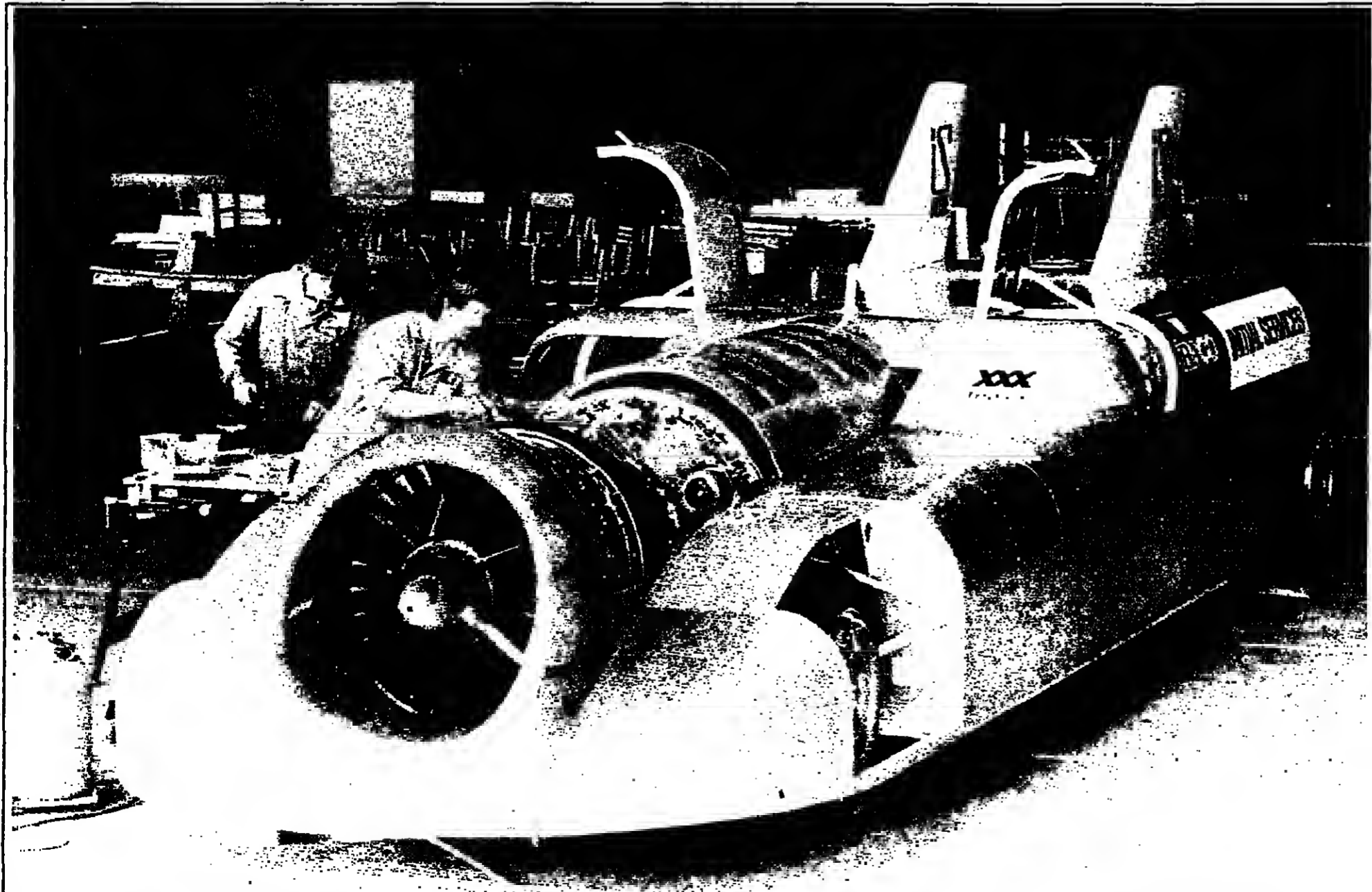
She said she is "really moved" to see fans from the provinces waiting outside the studio, "just to catch a glimpse of me."

China's film industry, viewed in the 1930s as avant garde, is struggling now to recover from the cultural revolution which produced a lot of drab political fare. Mao's films were ordered by Jiang Qing, wife of Chairman Mao Tse-tung and leader of the "gang of four." Who was once a grade-B actress herself.

While forcing proletarian art on the masses, it is said, she secretly imported *Gene Wilder's The Wind and Grease* films for her private viewing.

While Madame Jiang held sway, factories were given quotas for attendance the propaganda films and filmmakers; stars and critics often were persecuted. Screen heroes never fell in love; to do so was bourgeois weakness.

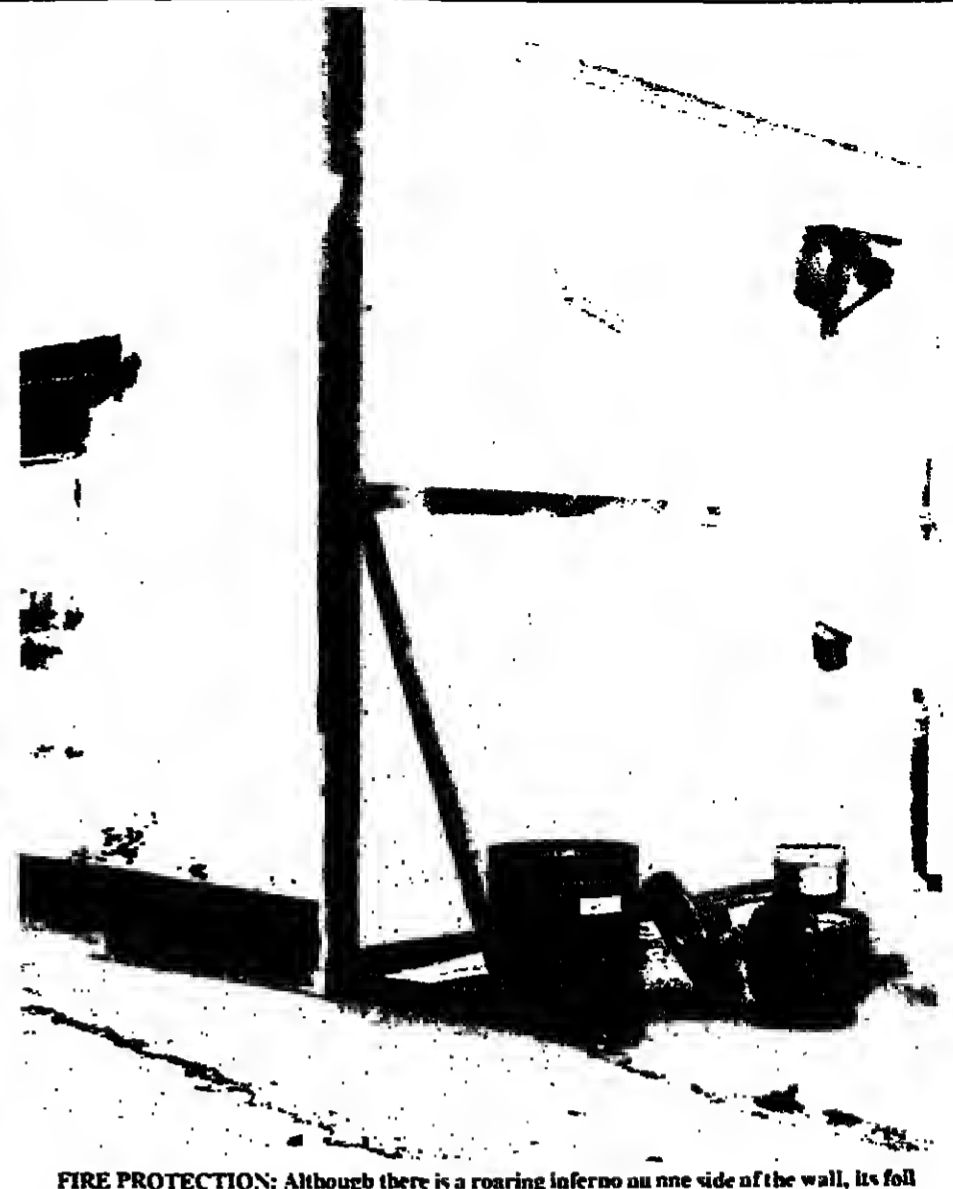
Director Chen Hui-Kei of the Peking Film Studio laughs now about the period, recalling that heroes always had backlighting to produce a "saint halo" and were not shot from low angles to seem larger. Today's love and adventure films are less interested in politics and some, though praiseworthy by Western standards, are considered racy.



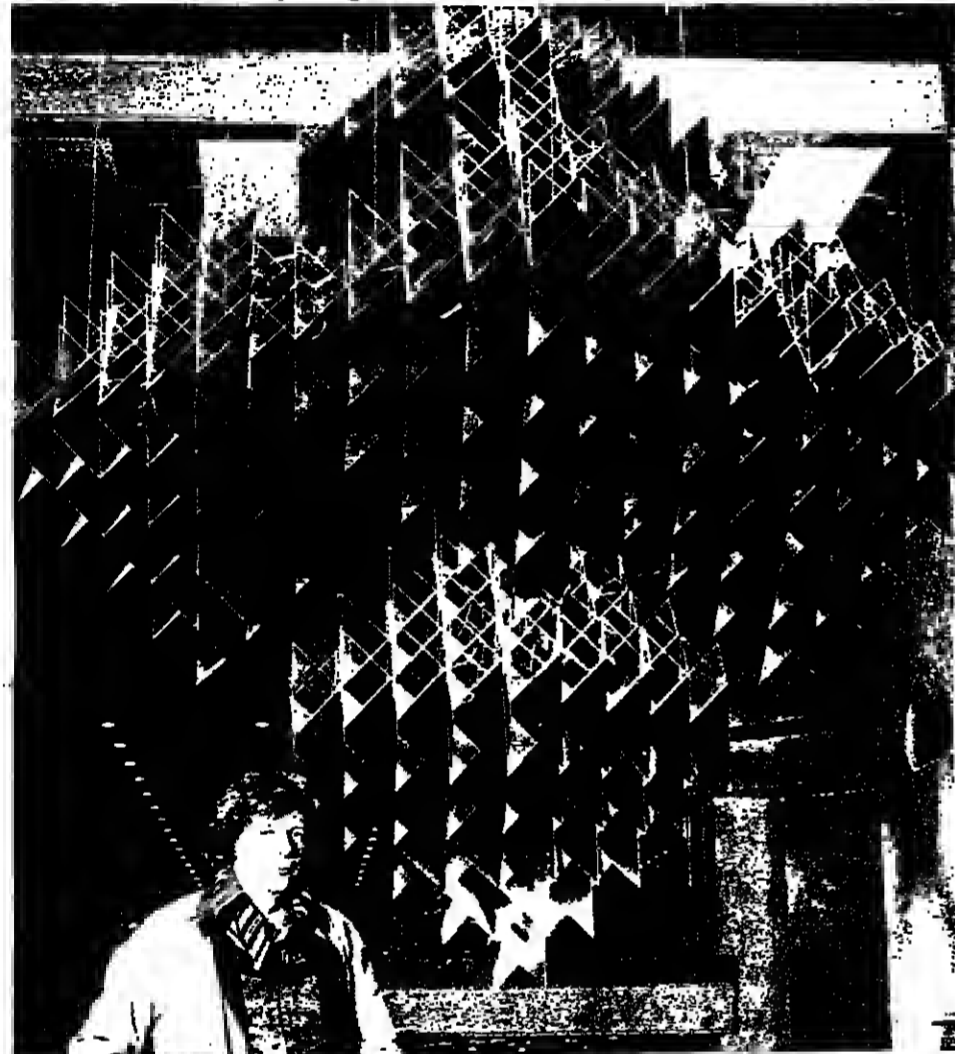
JET-POWERED CAR: Britain's Thrust 2 is shown preparing for trials before London businessman Richard Noble took the wheel and broke the world land speed record of 622.407 mph at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. The 34,000 hp machine was built with the technical aid and support of 162 British companies and is designed to achieve speeds in excess of 650 mph. Its aluminum body is built on a steel space frame chassis, the engine is a Rolls Royce Avon previously used in Royal Air Force Lightning aircraft.



PRINCE PHILIP'S PAINTINGS: An exhibition of paintings by the Duke of Edinburgh, including landscapes, still-lives, abstracts and portraits was recently shown at Sotheby's in London. The paintings were sold to raise money for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.



FIRE PROTECTION: Although there is a roaring inferno on one side of the wall, its foil mesh and paint construction will blister and swell, but not burn. The system was designed to contain flames in a given area and reduce heat transmission into storage vessels.



SHIMMERING SCULPTURE: Artist Michel Santry with his 3 1/2 ton shimmering stainless steel and acrylic sculpture which forms the focal point at the entrance to the Barbican Center for Arts and Conferences in London. The sculpture is lit by both natural and artificial light and has 246 individual sections arranged in the shape of an octahedron over 20 feet high and 18 feet wide.



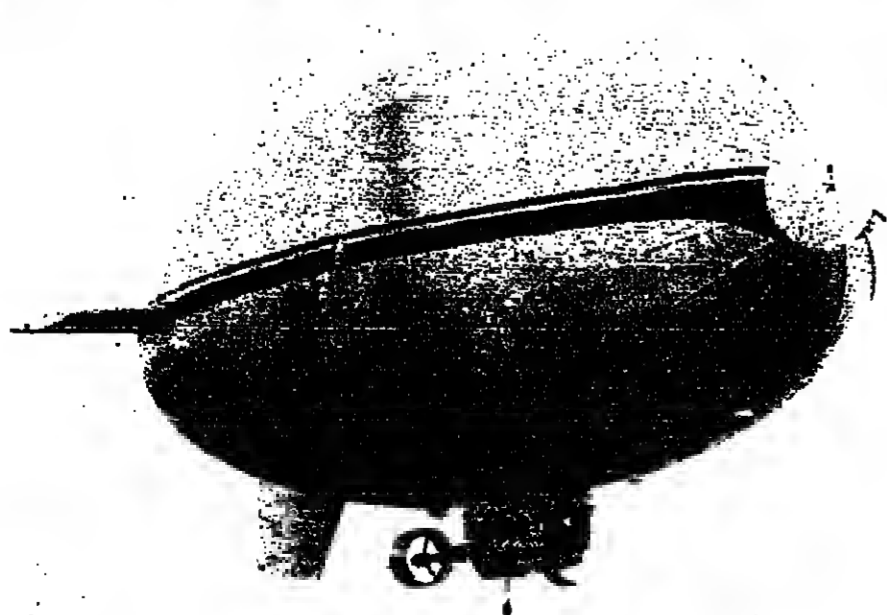
FEEDING TIME: This diver is very popular with the underwater residents at the Miami Seaquarium in Florida. He plays the playful porpoises and other fish. Sometimes the porpoises like the two shown here get very playful and butt him to give them more food.



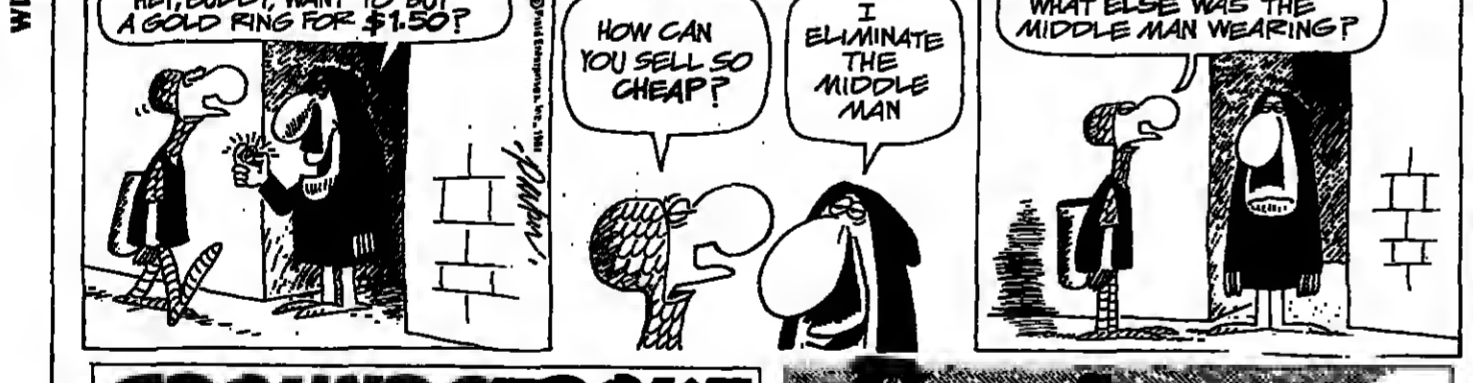
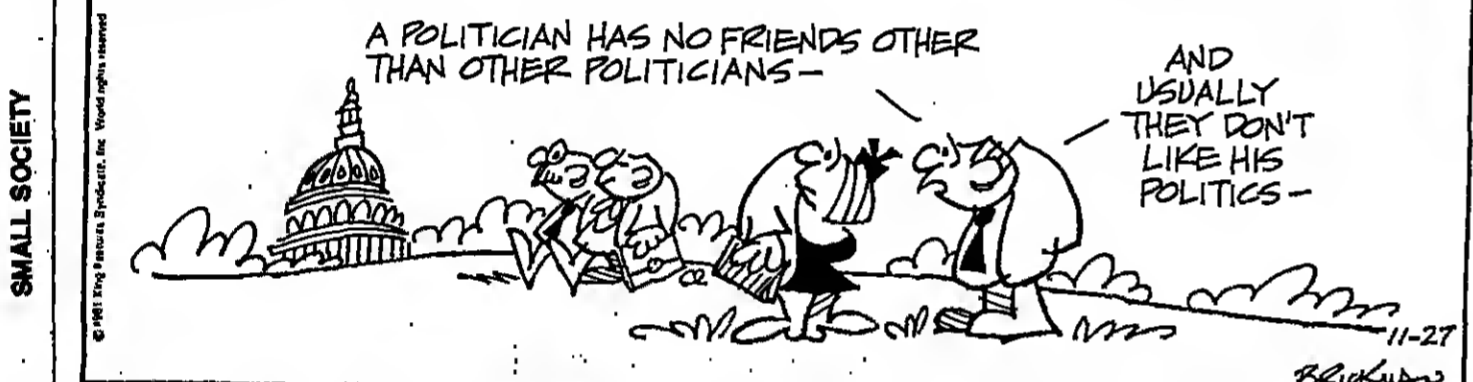
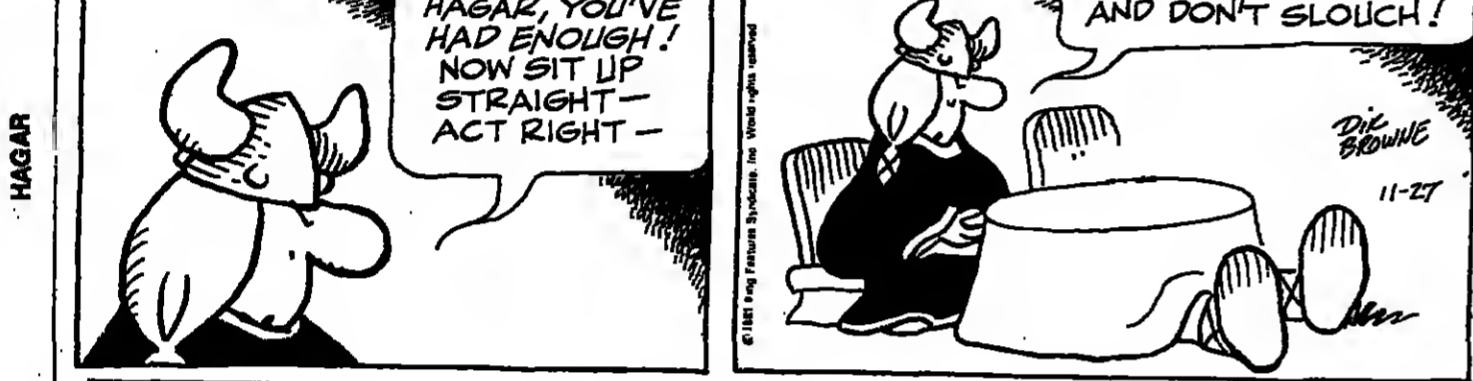
NEW BUILDING: The huge steelspan is in place for London's latest exhibition and conference center. Alexandra Pavilion has a clear span of 1.3 trillion meters and is constructed of aluminum coated steel frame bolted together.



LIGHTNING STRIKES: This photograph shows the leading edge of a helicopter blade as it was hit by a simulated bolt of lightning. The picture was taken at the Culham Lightning Studies Unit where scientists are studying the effects of lightning on aircraft.



MAIDEN FLIGHTS: First flight of the helium-filled Skyship 500 is shown at the left. The flight lasted for two hours with the craft covering 100 miles at a cruising speed of 55 mph. Right, the 146 Feederliner, a new short-haul aircraft features low fuel consumption and noise levels. This jet is designed to replace twin turboprop airplanes with models to seat from 88 to 102 passengers. The plane is capable of making short take-offs and landings.



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arab news Calendar

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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

1 Jolly laugh	2 Potpourri	3 Leader's love	4 Unscheduled period	5 Nasty kids	6 Joe Palooka's wife	7 Tennis court boundary	8 Smokey of the 20 Topic for comics et al.	9 Welles	10 Boils	11 Nothing (Sp.)	12 Vocal rendition	13 Skating area	14 "The Razor" the punch
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Yesterday's Answer
 25 "Cry Me a Bowls Kuhn"
 26 Fen
 27 —
 28 Spiked
 29 —

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it:
 A X Y D L B A A X R
 is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

HR OWG NVXA NWMAL VJL
 OWGT AZMASEVEHWJ FVK JWE
 RGD RDHAL ENAJ CW WJ
 NWMHJC - EVDUGL
 Yesterday's Cryptquote: LET'S GIVE THANKS FOR THE BLESSINGS OF THE YEAR AND THANKS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS BOTH FAR AND NEAR.—YOUR PUZZLE FRIENDS

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:
 West North East South
 1♣ 1♦ 1♠ Pass ?
 What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ Q863 ♥ AK954 ○ KJ6 ♣ 9
- ♠ J92 ♥ AJ7 ○ KJ983 ♣ 84
- ♠ 753 ♥ J6 ○ AKQJ72 ♣ KJ3
- ♠ KQ9 ♥ AJ983 ○ Q5 ♣ A92
- ♠ Q62 ♥ Q97 ○ KJ83 ♣ A92

1. Four spades. North's spade bid is an overall, not an opening bid, and more often than not it will be found that North has less than opening-bid values. Generally speaking, an overall rests more on playing tricks than high-card values.

2. Two spades. North can scarcely be expected to make ten tricks; the raise is offered chiefly for preemptive purposes. It would be improper to bid two diamonds, since the introduction of a new suit in these circumstances tends to deny spade support and could lead to the wrong contract.

3. Three notrump. No guarantees go with this bid, for there is an obvious danger in hearts, but three notrump is nevertheless a favorite to come home. You don't need a 100 per cent shot for game to bid it.

4. Three spades. Whether you can make game depends on the size of partner's overall. Since there is no way to judge this without consulting partner, you should merely invite him to go on instead of bidding game all by yourself. The hearts should not be mentioned at all.

5. Two notrump. Here also you must rely on partner to judge the chance for game, since he is looking at his hand and knows whether his overall was based on minimum, medium or maximum values. The jump to two notrump is generally based on 14 points, give or take a point, and merely invites game. It shows balanced distribution and all-around strength, with special emphasis on the opponent's suit. It is a picture bid that pinpoints both high-card values and balanced distribution, and thus places the decision on how far to go right where it belongs—in partner's lap.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 Curb impatience. Think of long-term goals regarding education and future plans, then work towards their realization.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 Your powers of concentration improve and, through steady effort, you will make progress on the job. Avoid romantic disputes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 You'll find security in another's loyalty. Love feelings deepen, but ward off an argument about domestic matters towards nightfall.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 You're very involved in your work now and will make significant progress. Don't be short-tempered with one who interrupts you.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 Creative work will succeed. Apply yourself now. Avoid arguments with children about expenses, also impulsiveness when shopping.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 Common sense is your ally now, especially when shopping. Seek durable goods. You could be upset by the behavior of one of your family.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 Seriousness of purpose leads to mental achievement. You may have difficulty in expressing anger or in properly exercising initiative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 Doing errands for a stunt-in — or helping others out in some way — brings personal satisfaction, but a friend may get on your nerves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 Attend to obligations in connection with friends. A higher-up could anger you, but refrain from making any hasty changes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 Privacy allows you to make career headway through hard work, but don't show your results to those who might criticize them unjustly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Be sure to follow through on commitments. Though you may fly off the handle with a friend, you'll be able to patch things up later.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 Be conscientious about business routine. Social contacts prove helpful to your career, but you'll need to use tact with a dear one.

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Submitted by Grahamville, N.J.

PEGGY'S COVE LIGHTHOUSE
 in Nova Scotia, IS THE ONLY LIGHTHOUSE WITH ITS OWN POST OFFICE

Trade gain \$2.4b Bonn records \$1.3b surplus

BONN, Nov. 26 (R) — West Germany has announced its first balance of payments surplus for more than two years, reflecting a surge in exports over recent months and falling imports, especially of oil.

The surplus was in line with the recent improvement in the payments position. He said it supported the ministry's forecast that the current account deficit should be halved next year.

Wheat accord hopes dim

LONDON, Nov. 26 (AFP) — The prospects of a new international wheat agreement being negotiated next year are slim, according to delegates to the four-day International Wheat Council (IWC) meeting beginning here Monday.

Iran faces cash flow crisis

LONDON, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Over the past few days Iran has virtually ceased paying bills in foreign currency because the central bank is experiencing "temporary cash flow difficulties", the Financial Times said Thursday.

Japan keeps ahead of U.S. in car output

TOKYO, Nov. 26 (R) — Japan's motor vehicle production is likely to reach 11.18 million vehicles this year, keeping it as the world's largest automobile producing nation for the second consecutive year, industry sources said Thursday.

London stock market

LONDON, Nov. 26 (R) — Share prices closed slightly easier in quiet trading, dealers said. At 1500 hours, the Financial Times index was down 0.5 at 525.7.

Dollar tumbles in Europe

JEDDAH, Nov. 26 — Easing U.S. dollar interest rates pushed down the American dollar on the European exchange markets Thursday. Eurodollar interest rates fell back in the short term, taking the one-month rate to 11 1/4 — 11 7/8 percent.

2.2260 in New York Wednesday night and remained at that level for most of Thursday. The markets were still awaiting a move by the German Bundesbank to curb the German Lombard discount rate from the present 11 percent level.

GATT plans 'Tokyo-round' follow-up

GENEVA, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Delegates to the annual meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) decided here to call a ministerial conference next year to thrash out GATT priorities for the rest of the decade.

The 87 delegates at the meeting also stressed protectionist measures that they said were threatening world trade. The spotlight was thrown on Japan when European Economic Community (EEC) delegate Paul Luyten called on low-unemployment and high-growth countries to give proof to their desire for world trade cooperation.

World hovers on brink of trade war

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (WP) — A new world war is in the winds. But the weapons this time are not bombs and missiles. This war is being fought with toasters and television sets, steel beams and designer jeans.

Already this year, several skirmishes have left increased tension in their wake not only among the trading nations but within the Reagan administration. Before the new administration had a chance to take office last January, it was faced the argument over whether to seek a voluntary limit on Japanese automobile imports.

Yet, for all the complaining about imports, American consumers continue to buy them. Last year, Americans purchased \$252.8 billion in imports, from mushrooms to manhole covers, from precious metals to metallic shoes, without a thought for the impact on the domestic and world economies.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Table with columns for Currency, Cash, and Transfer. Includes rates for Bahraini Dinar, Saudi Riyal, Japanese Yen, etc.

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Suzuki vows to ease imports

TOKYO, Nov. 26 (R) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki pledged Thursday that Japan would tackle the problem of removing non-tariff import barriers to help ease trade friction with the United States and Western Europe.

Marathon battle takes new turn

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 26 (AFP) — The take-over battle for the giant U.S. oil company Marathon oil took a new turn when a federal judge here froze the offer from U.S. Steel.

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BRIEFS

TOKYO (AP) — Japan has agreed to provide Nepal 2.7 billion yen (\$11.7 million) in grants to help the Himalayan nation improve its agricultural production, the Foreign Ministry announced Wednesday.

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Summit 'not right now'

Soviet missile offer boosts Reagan hopes

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (R) — President Ronald Reagan says he accepts Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's response to his European nuclear disarmament plan as a basis for bargaining.

"In a sense he's made an offer to reduce by a certain number the missiles that are there. Well, you start bargaining from there." He said in an interview with ABC television.

But Reagan said the United States would do everything it could to get agreement on his plan under which NATO would drop the deployment of medium-range missiles and Moscow would dismantle the missiles it already has aimed at West Europe. Brezhnev rejected the plan and proposed instead a freeze on new deployment and some unilateral missile cuts by Moscow.

Asked by correspondent Barbara Walters for his reaction to this, Reagan said: "Well, if he means what he said. He also said, however, a reduction in the (Soviet) number. Well, this is typical negotiating. When I said that my idea was that if we could eliminate them entirely, well then the other fellow, the ball's in his court. He comes back and he's made an offer."

Reagan expressed optimism for the talks opening Monday in Geneva to which Moscow and Washington will seek ways to curb a nuclear arms race in Europe. He said Moscow would be interested in a successful outcome because for the first time in years the United States was not "hustily disarming" itself.

"It hasn't made any sense for the last several years to be sitting at a table when they (the Soviet Union) know that our own defense establishment was going downhill and we were doing nothing to keep it where it should be."

Asked if he wanted a summit meeting with Brezhnev, Reagan replied: "Not right now."



Mrs. Shirley

New alliance set to score in U.K. poll

LONDON, Nov. 26 (R) — Voting got off to a brisk start Thursday in a by-election which opinion polls predicted would give Britain's new Social Democrat-Liberal alliance a sweeping victory over the governing Conservatives.

Crowds formed queues in the dawn drizzle at Crosby near Liverpool on England's northwest coast waiting for polling stations to open — indicating a big turnout of the 83,000 registered electors before the voting ends.

"I have never seen anything like it before," said an official at one polling station. "I have worked on the last three elections but it has never happened like this before."

Supporters of the three main contenders — the alliance and the Conservative and Labor parties — delivered leaflets to thousands of homes in the predawn hours in a last-minute attempt to sway undecided voters.

All public opinion polls forecast that former Labor Party cabinet minister Shirley Williams, co-leader of the two-month-old Social Democrat-Liberal alliance, would score a stunning upset by capturing the Conservative-held parliamentary seat.

Victory for Mrs. Williams would place her in a strong position to bid for leadership of the Social Democratic Party which she and three other former Labor ministers formed in March to try to end the political domination of the Conservative and Labor parties.

"The people of Crosby have the opportunity to change the whole course of the government and its policies, and that is an opportunity I hope they will take," Mrs. Williams declared Thursday.

Political commentators have forecast that the expected alliance win at Crosby, held by the Conservative Party since the constituency was formed in 1918, could persuade Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to consider alternatives to her tight-money economic policies.

The policies, which dwell on fighting inflation rather than creating jobs for Britain's nearly three million unemployed, are blamed for the unpopularity of the government as reflected in public opinion polls which show large swings of voter sentiment toward the alliance across the country.

Talks open

Polish party leader warns against provoking bloodshed

WARSAW, Nov. 26 (Agencies) — A top party leader warned Thursday "political reactionaries and counter-revolutions" may seek to provoke "bloodshed" in Poland in order to "destroy the structures of the Socialist state."

"Realism enjoins that such a possibility be taken into account," politburo member and Communist Party conservative Stefan Olaszowski was quoted as saying in the party daily *Trybuna Ludu*.

Olaszowski's warning came as Solidarity union negotiators sought a "clear-cut" government response to the labor federation's proposed economic watchdog council during talks on the economy here.

Grzegorz Palka, the independent union's top economist and a close ally of union chief Lech Walesa said, however, that he did not harbor any illusions that they will approve their draft "offered during negotiations last week," Palka said as he entered the union-government talks.

Olaszowski, considered the second-most powerful man here behind party chief and Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski, told *Trybuna Ludu* "the enemies of the Socialist system are afraid of social peace. I do not conceal that there is an alternative to social agreement," he said. "It is confrontation. It is not desired by the party, nor the state and the Polish society."

Olaszowski said in the article headlined "Agreement or Confrontation" that although the form taken by strikes now has changed, the aim is the same.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa had proposed the right to veto as a pre-condition for the union joining a front, but Olaszowski suggested that such power would paralyze government.

Olaszowski's remarks were published on the eve of another policy-making session of the Communist Party central committee, and his Solidarity and the government discussed rival proposals for giving the people major say in economic policy.

A government spokesman said the talks covered both the union's proposal for a non-party social council to oversee economic policy, and the government's plan to set up a joint commission which would include both union and party.

Solidarity originally demanded that the non-party council be empowered to initiate legislation, but after resuming negotiations with the government it fell back to seeking only a consultative body.

Thursday's talks between Solidarity negotiator Grzegorz Palka and former Justice Minister Jerzy Bafia could eventually be overtaken if the union is persuaded to enter some form of partnership with the Communists.

Communist Party sources said the question was bound to come up at Friday's central committee plenum. But they said the basis for a Communist-Solidarity partnership was still to be mapped out at high level in secret.

Meanwhile, students remained on strike in about two-thirds of Poland's universities and colleges. But the leader of Rural Solidarity, Jan Kulaj, called on farmers to end protest sit-ins after the government agreed to open talks with his union Friday.

Trouble flared in the industrial city of Chorzow Wednesday night after police detained more than a dozen Solidarity members for pasting up uncensored posters. Solidarity reported. One of the detainees had been beaten by police and taken to hospital, it said.

The official news agency PAP said that two steel mills and a major industrial plant in the city proclaimed a strike alert to speed up the release of the detainees, who were among their workers.

Good Mornin

By Jihad Al Khazem

At least, here in Washington, face it with the celebrated Zionist lobby, more accurately, side by side with it, place being a barber's shop. Of the variety where men and women are d with, as it were, at one fell swoop. Lobby being represented by those formidable, middle-aged women, sitting on their head chairs, shouting their heads to make themselves heard above the:

There I was sitting meek as a mo having my hair cut, listening idly to talk around me, when it suddenly began dawn on me that this was indeed the Zionist lobby I was sitting next to. The bar soon confirmed this to me when I saw him. The ladies are quite well known him, as they come every Wednesday before going on to the bridge club near.

They must have guessed I was ask about them as one of them turned to and boomed a question. Where are you from? Haven't you seen you before, have I had two seconds to make up my mind but I made it in one. "I'm from Greece shouted back. "Just passing through I added, just to make sure.

The reason for this that I wanted to go on talking in their uninhibited way. This for me was a rare opportunity, observe our foe in its natural habitat, were. You might think I had not reason, the women being formidable, place strewn with such potentially let items as razors and scissors, and the o against being three to one (six to one fact, if we're talking in terms of weight. You can think that if you want, sticking to my version.

In any case, they soon forgot about and resumed their conversation, w soon enough turned to politics. And it then that I made the discovery that women's section of the lobby has its own way of thinking about the struggle in Middle East and America's involvement in it.

For the main point they made was ab the AWACS deal. Their argument along this line: "How dare the Saudis everyone what to do? After all, they have just arrived, while we have been here fifty years and more."

Found the logic intriguing, Syrian Lebanese immigrants have been going the States from the last century. So right, they have first claim on American favors. Their other point was that Arabs have a very strong card in oil. N those earlier Jews who went from Eg and roamed Sinai for forty years who have somehow by passed Palestine — land without a drop of oil to its name and pressed straight on to Kuwait.

Milk and honey, they said sardonically Who needs them when the other side controls the oil.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Bonn parleys demonstrate yawning East-West arms gap

BONN, Nov. 26 (R) — Two days of argument between Soviet and West German leaders have demonstrated a yawning East-West gap over how to curb nuclear armaments in Europe.

Medium-range nuclear weapons, to the exclusion of almost everything else, dominated the talks between Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and President Leonid Brezhnev, on his first visit to the West since Moscow intervened in Afghanistan in December, 1975.

Despite statements of satisfaction from both sides, it was clear there had been no breakthrough to smooth the way for U.S.-Soviet disarmament negotiations which start in Geneva next Monday.

While stressing he was negotiating on behalf of the Americans or pre-empting the Geneva talks, Schmidt tried to convince his suspicious Soviet guest that President Reagan was serious about arms control.

But his insistence that the Kremlin had misjudged Reagan appeared to fall on deaf ears, though Western diplomats said it was too early to tell whether the attempt to ally Soviet mistrust would have any success.

Schmidt found his task as an "interpreter" much eased by Reagan's offer of a "zero option" under which the West would drop plans to deploy new American medium-range missiles to Europe if the Kremlin scrapped its own missiles there in return.

The idea, dismissed by Washington not so long ago as a pipe-dream, was urged on Reagan by Schmidt. West German officials were jubilant when he adopted it in his first major foreign policy speech last week.

Brezhnev promptly rejected the proposal, but it seemed to place him on the defensive during his visit to Bonn. It also enabled Schmidt to regain the political initiative from opponents of NATO's missile deployment plan in West Germany's growing peace movement.

When Schmidt's spokesman Kurt Becker was asked about the peace movement at a press conference, he said: "At the head of the peace movement in West Germany stands the chancellor."

With medium-range nuclear arms top of the political agenda in Bonn, both Schmidt and Brezhnev seemed at times to be speaking over each other's heads to West German public opinion.

The West German leader went out of his way to stress the personal relationship of trust he had built up with Brezhnev and paid tribute to the Kremlin leader's desire for peace.

China admits exporting N-material

PEKING, Nov. 26 (AFP) — China has publicly, apparently for the first time, admitted that it is exporting nuclear material — but has flatly denied a *Washington Post* report that it had sold such material to South Africa, either directly or indirectly.

Citing a statement by the Chinese permanent United Nations mission in New York, the New China News Agency said Thursday that it was "entirely normal for China to export a limited quantity of nuclear materials in the interest of international cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy."

"We have undertaken and obtained from all buyers an undertaking that they will not transship our supplies to third countries, particularly South Africa and Israel, or use (them) for non-peaceful purposes," the official Chinese news agency said.

The *Washington Post*, quoting unnamed high-level American officials, had said China had indirectly supplied South Africa with enriched uranium.

Without naming the *Post*, the official *People's Daily* called that report "irresponsible" and stressed that Peking was exporting a "limited quantity" of nuclear material.

Neither the Chinese statement at the United Nations nor the *People's Daily* said where Chinese uranium was being exported. But informed sources indicated that Swiss firms were purchasing the uranium.

The *Washington Post* report had suggested that China could have delivered the uranium to Pretoria through a Swiss firm. James Malone, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for scientific affairs, cast doubt on the report.

In a commentary entitled "A Shameless Lie", the *People's Daily* also accused the "hegemonists" — a Chinese code word used to designate the Soviets — of having used the report "to divert world attention from their own practices and to damage China's relations with the Third World."

China has never had anything to do with that racist regime, not to mention the sale of nuclear materials to it," said the Communist Party journal.

Laser beams cure cancer

TOKYO, Nov. 26 (AFP) — Several cancer patients have been successfully treated with laser beams, two teams of Japanese doctors reported at the fourth international convention on laser surgery taking place here.

One of the groups, led by University of Tsukuba professor Takao Sakita, reported that six patients suffering from early stages of stomach cancer had been treated with 40-watt laser rays. The patients were more than 60 years old. Four of them were too weak to undergo operations, while the other two refused.

An endoscope — so instrument commonly used to observe a hollow internal organ — was employed to administer the laser beams over 10 separate treatments of 0.5 seconds each. None of the patients had any trace of cancerous cells at the end of the treatment, the team reported.

It added, however, that the treatment would have been useless if the cancer had reached the lymph glands, and that surgery would have been required if the tumors had been one centimeter in diameter or larger.

The second team, led by Toshio Hirajima of the National Cancer Center, used the laser treatment on four patients suffering from the early stages of esophagus (throat) cancer. Three of the four showed no signs of cancer after the treatment, which involved cancerous areas of no more than 1.5 centimeters in diameter.

Singapore financier acquitted of charges

HONG KONG, Nov. 26 (R) — Singapore financier Amos Dawe was Thursday acquitted of charges that he defrauded shareholders in one of his companies of nearly \$18 million.

Dawe, 46, head of a commercial empire with companies in Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Australia and the United States, was extradited from his San Francisco home in May this year at the request of the Hong Kong government. He had fought extradition for two years saying Soviet secret police would kill him if he returned to this British colony.

Dawe burst into tears when acquitted of all four fraud charges Thursday and was led weeping from the court at the end of a trial that began on Oct. 1.

During extradition proceedings Dawe had told American judges that if he was sent to Hong Kong, the Soviet secret police, the KGB, would kill him. He also threatened to name top Hong Kong government officials who he said were in the pay of the KGB.

But Dawe, against his counsel's advice, refused to give evidence on his own behalf and the KGB allegations were not aired in court here. The defense called no other witnesses. The four charges, to which he pleaded not guilty, related to allegations that in the mid-1970s he defrauded shareholders in Mosher Holdings of \$18 million in a fictitious share issue.

Thousands homeless Philippines typhoon toll rises

MANILA, Nov. 26 (AFP) — A Philippine Air Force (PAF) rescue team that flew to a southern Luzon coastal village Thursday reported that 158 persons were killed by Typhoon Irma when it struck northern Philippines Tuesday.

The new toll trebled earlier reports of 47 casualties in Menagashan coastal village in the fishing town of Garchitorena, Camarines Sur, some 288 kilometers south of Manila. The PAF team counted 158 bodies and reported 37 injured persons. The Air Force rescue team also reported that 17 other villagers were missing.

Philippine weathermen corrected earlier reports that a tidal wave struck the coastal village. They said that the phenomenon was a storm surge, a piling up of sea water due to violent winds during tropical cyclones.

Weathermen said 35 coastal basins in the country had been identified as potential storm surge areas and the Camarines Sur coast where the tragedy struck was one of them.

The Camarines Sur fatalities swelled the Typhoon death toll to 203.

British minorities assured safety

LONDON, Nov. 26 (R) — Home Secretary (interior minister) William Whitelaw has promised better links between police and Britain's ethnic communities after an official inquiry blamed a breakdown in relations between them for London's worst riots this century.

"Without consultation there will not be accountability," he told the House of Commons Wednesday in a statement on the inquiry report published earlier in the day. "I accept and endorse this philosophy and will see it carried into practice," he said.

More than 200 persons, most of them policemen, were injured in three nights of rioting in the multiracial suburb of Brixton last April.

Whitelaw agreed with Lord Scarman, the senior judge who conducted the inquiry into the riots, that police should be better trained to deal with multiracial society and prevent and handle disorders.

The process for handling complaints against the police must be substantially reformed to gain public confidence, he said, but police must not become scapegoats.

Strike halts Italy's quake-hit areas

NAPLES, Italy, Nov. 26 (AP) — An eight-hour general strike closed factories, government offices, banks and schools Thursday in a union protest for jobs in Italy's quake-struck regions of Campania and Basilicata.

One hundred thousand workers rallied in a square overlooking the Bay of Naples in this port city, where the nation's most powerful labor leader Luciano Lama urged improvements in housing, transportation, schooling and health.

"There can be no renewal in Italy if unemployment cannot be defeated here, in Naples, in Campania and Basilicata, so tested by the earthquake and already so poor," said Lama, head of the nation's largest union confederation, the Communist dominated CGIL (General Confederation of Italian Workers).

The strike and demonstration capped several days of events marking the first anniversary of the Nov. 23, 1980 southern Italian earthquake.

The quake left 300,000 without homes. Thousands of them have been resettled in semi-permanent housing, but the area still suffers unemployment above 12 percent, compared to 9 percent nationwide.

In the region's hilly interior, the secretary-general of the Roman Catholic-oriented labor confederation CISL, called for a national recovery plan to halt recession.

Arms store owner shot dead in Spain

BILBAO, Spain, Nov. 26 (AFP) — The owner of a weapons store, Manuel Hernandez Seisdedos, was shot and killed Thursday in Guecho, a small town near here, police said.

One of two men who broke into the store shot Hernandez in the head in front of two of his children. The assailants fled in a stolen car driven by an accomplice, police added.

The victim's five-year old daughter alerted police. She said: "Two men entered the store, they pushed a button and they killed my daddy."

The assailants later informed police of the car's location. The owner was found jammed in the trunk.

Quebec to veto Canada's plan

OTTAWA, Nov. 26 (R) — Quebec Premier Rene Levesque denying federal government assertions that he lacks the power to veto Canada's plan to transfer from London its constitution, based on a 114-year-old British law.

Levesque said Wednesday that Quebec Canada only predominantly French speaking province, had not lost its traditional power of veto and constitutional change: other Canadian government leaders believed.

After Levesque's announcement in National Assembly in Quebec city, a federal government minister reaffirmed Ottawa's contention that Quebec has no right of veto.

Levesque was speaking as the Quebec parliament neared the end of a debate on constitutional changes agreed this month Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and the premiers of nine other provinces. Quebec rejected the changes, saying it would rob province of powers.

The changes are contained in a resolution asking Britain to insert a charter of rights amending formula in the constitution, 1867 British North America (BNA). This would transfer the constitution to Canada.

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